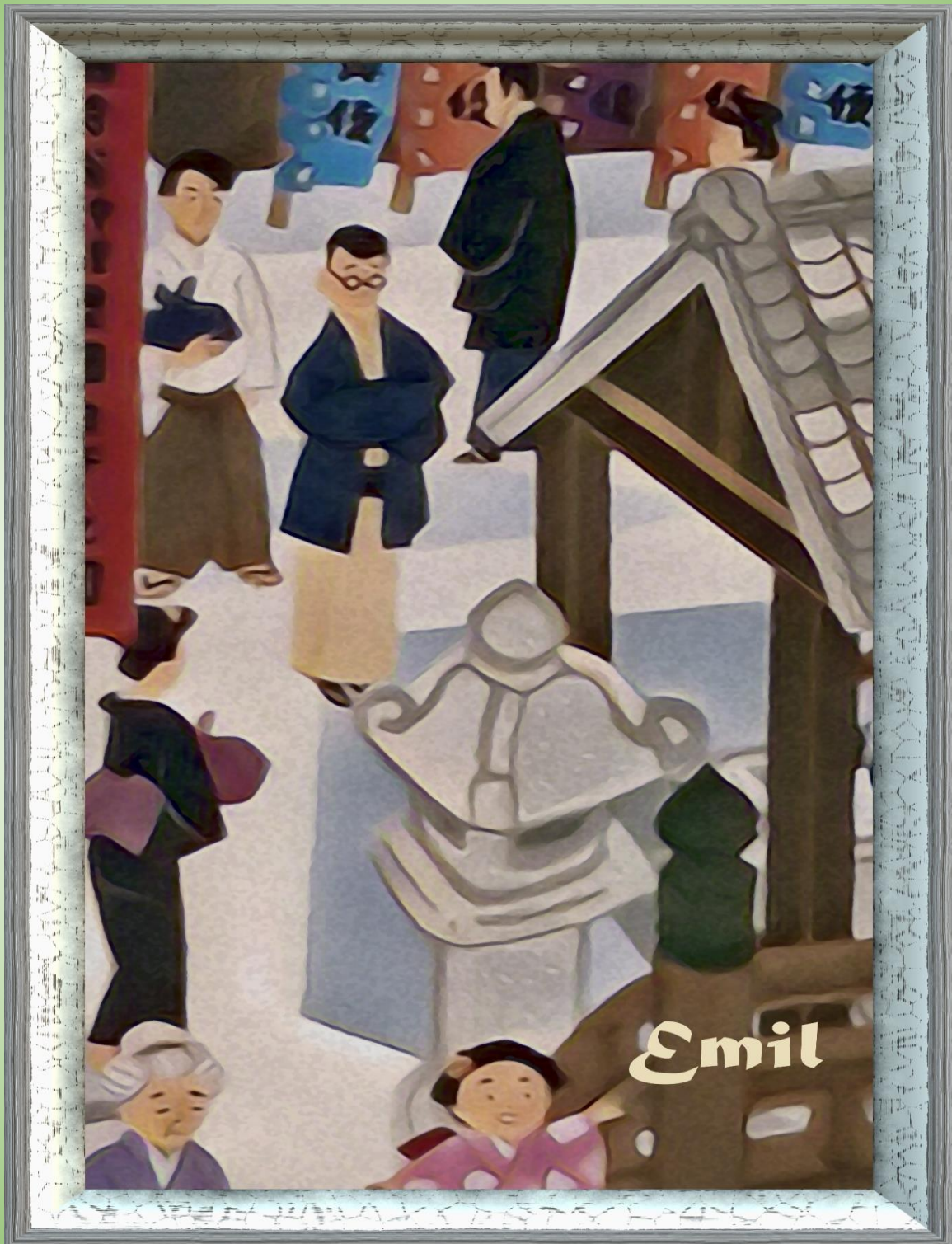


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HOWDY DO TO ALL YOU EMIL ADDICTS!

On one hand, Emil isn't bad mouthing or making the Chinese (more or less) mad in this month's edition but on the other, this is far from what commissioned Emil to write and I was rather concerned seeing the first draft. I thought that Emil really "got it" after my desperate messages/pleas and as we talked – I did truly try as I explained that while his chatty style was nice, there was way to many references about American Politics and I did my best to get across to him that people reading a book titled "KYOTO" wouldn't care even two-hoots about all that...I told him "they might be upset!"...and pleaded that he should try to tone all this politics down, at least a bit. Or so, I thought? But, I failed to remember, this is Emil! So with the publishing deadline approaching and Emil didn't submit the final copy until he knew that I wouldn't have time to correctly edit this and he just knew that I couldn't cut half this book...Thanks Emil!!!

If you don't get Emil's insider jokes and commentary please complaint to him, track him down...maybe, beat him up a bit...Uhh, you think? I really don't mind!

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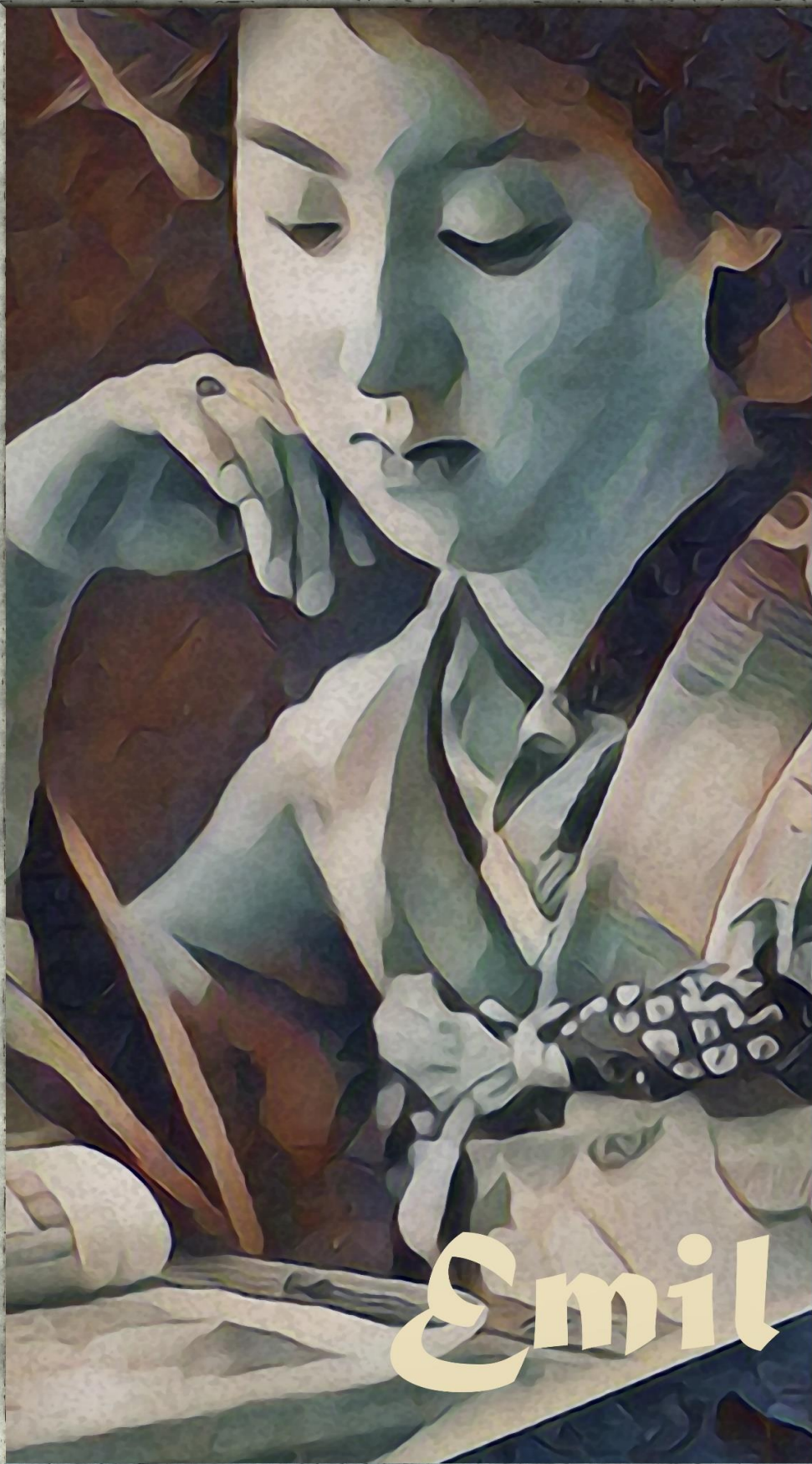
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GREETINGS TO ALL CHILDREN OF FREEDOM

There comes a time when one must stand tall, express the truth as you know it and be willing to take on all of the swings, the foul language, threats and the long Twitter Knives from the “Lost Children of the WOKE”, directed by their numerous and willing handlers/masters from the ruling class of elitist, careered civil servants and an entire cadre of socialite, celebrity gadflies and even yet, going all the way back to their puppet masters (you know who you are – so there is no need for me wasting WWWG’s space and revenue in naming you publicly!)



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We were saying “there comes a time...” when the truths that we claim to speak on social justice must register and unite in a solemn codifying against the truths of moral sins committed and thus, we must speak out, without any confusion against the utter soulless evil of the CCP (Chinese Communist Party)...



I know I promise Seine “No more on China” and I did kind of agree with him that the Chinese were more in a position to solve their own problems that I would ever be...

I know but, I was sitting in Kyoto Station and Japanese TV was playing this story about the NBA (American National Basketball



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Association) and even though it was in Japanese...I did get the whole skimmy of the story when Steve Kerr (a really great University of Arizona Basketball Player back in his college days...I went to see him play and the whole stadium erupted into a war chant "Steve Kerr...Steve Kerr..") who I have admired over the years and even though I don't agree with a lot of his opinions – I have always respected that he was bold to come and spend three hours on National TV defending trans-gender bathrooms in grade schools and his strong political opinions about The Donald...

Given his long history and never-ending courage to speak out, to look you in the eye, not blink as he told you "the way it is..."



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Here now was Steve and he was fumbling to defend the NBA's attempt stand tall with China and then he sadly tried to say that "it is complicated...I don't know a lot about the situation in China...I only do a lot of business (millions of dollars in his case and over a billion in the case of the NBA)...there..."



And finally, he got his voice back as he boldly compared the millions of ethnic Muslims being detained in camps out in the Gobi Desert, Hong Kong and the daily executions of political resisters to some madman walking into Walmart's and shooting people with an AR-15... "Same-Same!"



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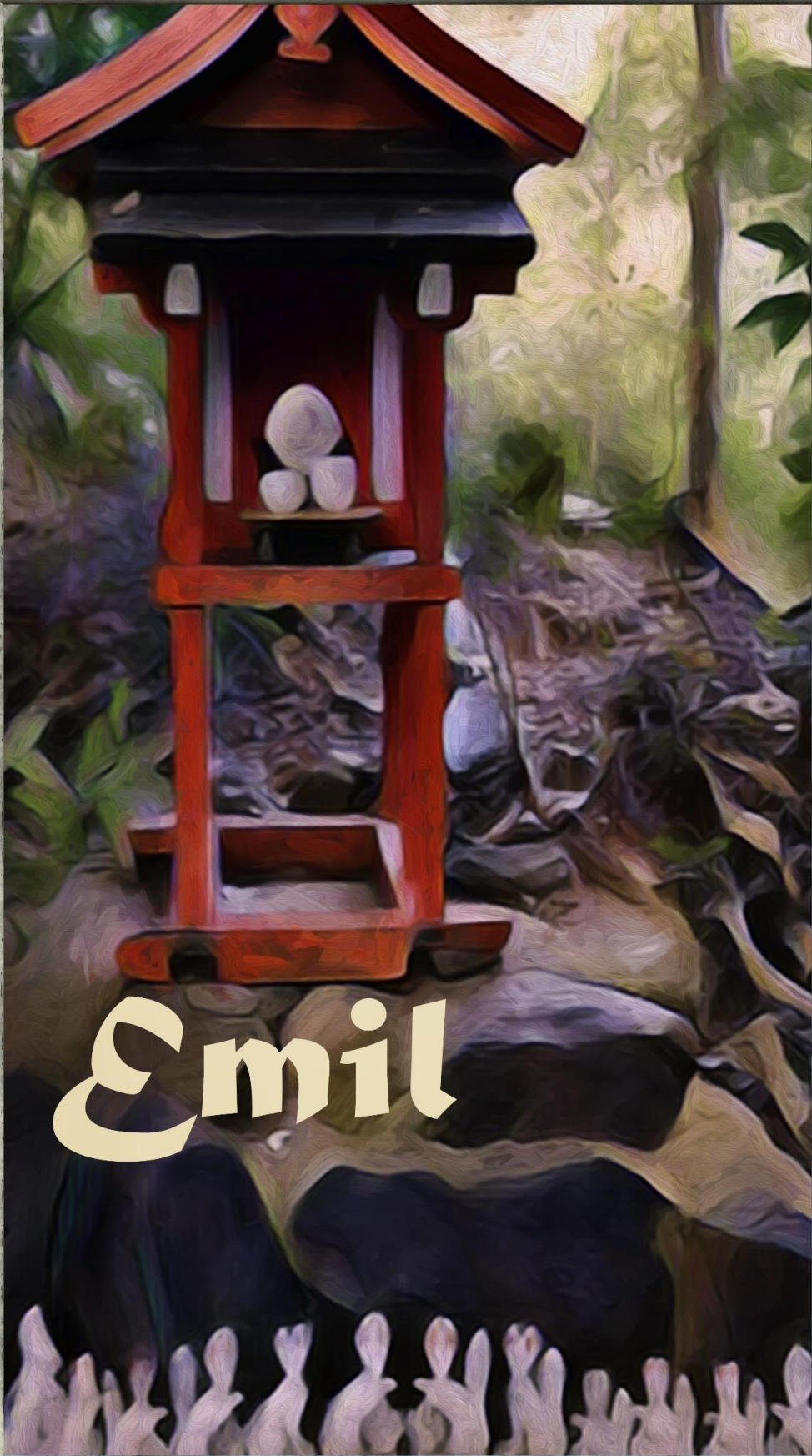


Everyone stopped in confusion as to what he had just said...
I surly did...

As the crowd of reporters pause to stare at him, he continued
by saying something to the effect of (Hey...I am at Kyoto
Station and I didn't have a pen to do a full transcription)

"The Chinese didn't ask about or complain about
Walmart's...So, It is not my place to be rude to our kind
business partners by asking about all their problems...Next
question, please?"

WOW! It is not really surprising...it is all about the Benjamins,
Baby! In fact, hundreds of millions of them Franklins...and
then, there is Nike's multi-billion dollar shoe market at stake...



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Emil is Kyoto, Japan - 27 October 2019: 16 hrs. ago

“BUYING A NEW CAMERA IN KYOTO”

Emil - Canon SL3 50mm F1.8 shot @ F1.8

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I have grown to greatly love my Canon 80D, the quality of its still fotos is unmatched by any other camera I have had and I have used quite a few cameras in my day.

While it will never replace my Nikon F4s in my heart but, even here, I am the first to say that this Canon makes much better fotos than I could ever do on my film camera.

Recently, I was in the midst of a horde of zombie-like tourists stumbling all about one of the larger temples here in Kyoto and I was struck by the fact, that I could actually count the number of people who had real cameras.

Let this truly sink in...

Literally, thousands of people milling about but maybe, ten people were there with a real camera and still few yet, with a large camera like mine 80D.

Most of the cameras there that day looked to be small, lite mirrorless Fujis or Sonys that were hardly more noticeable than the thousands of smart phones.

Having a large camera like the 80D begs notice, people do take notice, they stop and stare and while I humour myself that they were merely super envious of the mighty powers of my 80D compared to their little, tiny smart phones with their baby camera built in; I now see that it wasn't envy but, amazement that someone was still using what to their mind seems to be some form of dinosaur technology.

Further research has shown me that there seems to a rather starling small group(s) of people that still gravitate or actually use traditional cameras and it is somewhat, it is



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depressing to find myself affiliated with old men, a cadre of professional (or not) photographers, paparazzi – all of which are generally held in deep suspicion and/or disdain by the public in general.

The real problem I think lies in the physical size and large format presence that the Canon 80D creates even in a mass sea of humanity and this has created a series of issues with my ability to “get the foto.”

The size issue is multiform, as it involves not only the need to carry a large, heavy bag or backpack with you all day long, stuffed to capacity with about 15-20 pounds of required camera gear and more importantly, in an age where backpack are seen a potential security threat by all eagle-eye, rent-a-cops who endlessly want to stop you while demanding to inspect every nook-and-cranny of your huge bag.

As explained, large cameras immediately draw glaring attention to its user and thus, it renders even the best of your learned, stealth, ninja-like skill set ability of foto taking to be like totally worthless in even trying to take the simplest of candid foto(s).

These are the days where everyone is like totally beside themselves in frantic protection of their ownership copyrights (be they real or imaginary) a big camera means and equals to a serious threat of theft of the merchant's creative end-cap and the photographer must be stopped, punished...their cameras smashed and the photographer



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stomped by angry locals just for the good reason of they aren't getting a piece of the future action.

We use to make fun of this kind of 1960's behavior like in the Woody Allen Movie, "Don't drink the Water!" where in the opening segment, Woody is chased into the American Embassy by what seemed to be the entire East German Police force for taking fotos of the train trolleys.

We are now in what may well be a real serious rip in the fabric of the universe and it has created an open "Back to the Future" time portal back to those primitive photography times.

While you might dismiss my theory, it does go without saying that whenever I take out the Canon 80D; I get approached by those wanting to know why or what I am taking pictures of. These conversations many times (more times than not) turn angry and can escalate to almost violence - especially in places where those rude and obtrusive "No Photos" signs are pasted on almost every free surface.

This was the main trust, the core of the conversation that I was having with myself yesterday as I waited (again) in a long line to get into a noodle shop here at Kyoto Station.

The solutions are easy especially if you are well-heeled or on expense account – neither of which am on. There is no shortage of small (some very small – almost what we use to call spy-size) cameras but, sadly there is like this massive disconnect between size and cost.



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This is surely not your daddy's business world and physical size no longer has any direct relationship to the actual cost of the item to be purchase...so much for my generation's concept of "big and beautiful" and "getting the most bang for ya buck*!"

(***EDITOR NOTE**: This is not/was not meant as an evil, racist or ethnic slur against Native Americans as this is a term used by people of Emil's generation to designate a single USD dollar, paper bill. Emil simply refuses to adapt to this new WOKE Age and its acceptable word usage.)

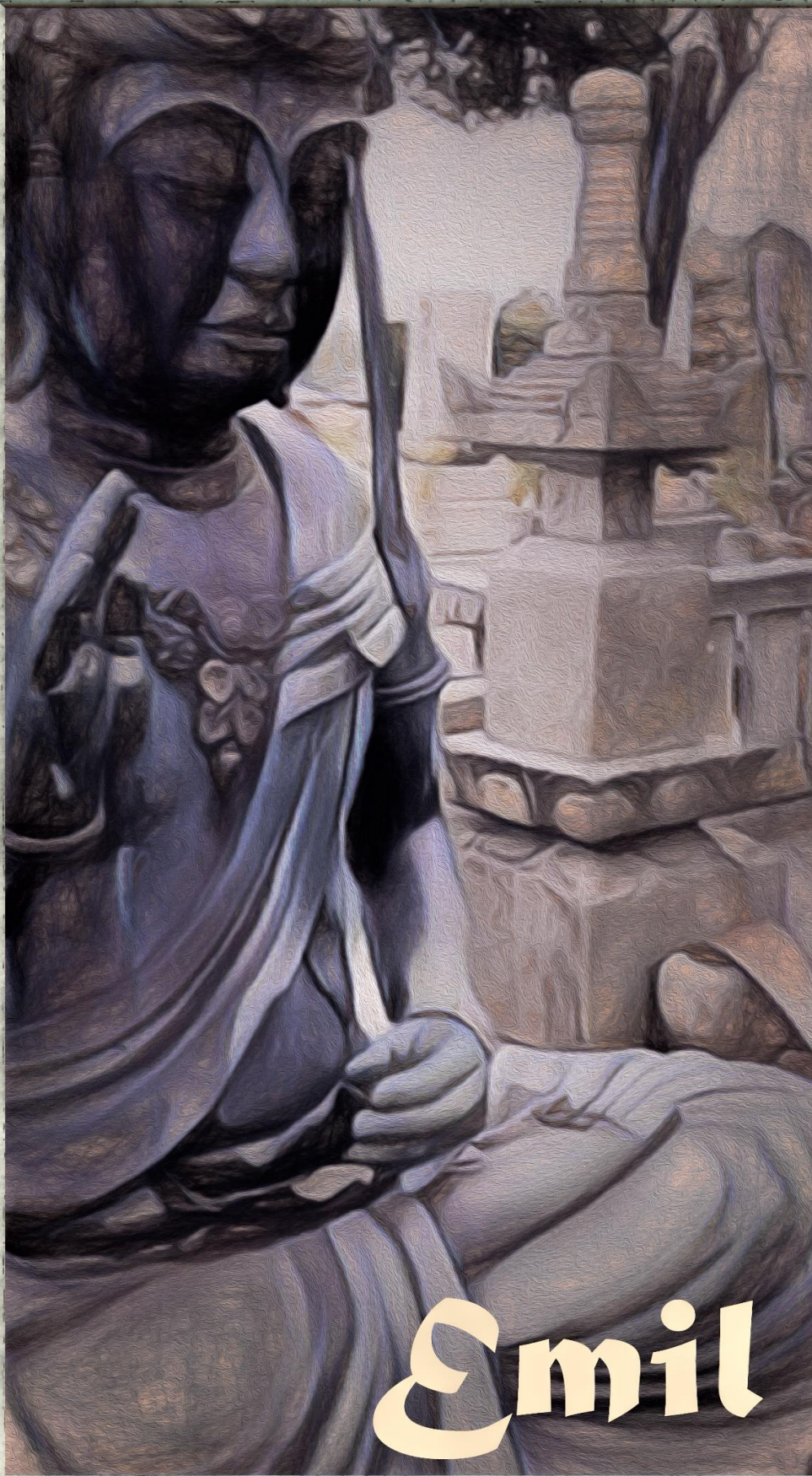
Yes, indeed these do seem to be confusing as my proper word usage seems not to be inline with the new list of acceptable verbiage (they have a list to keep you in line) in these WOKE Times and on a personal note, I fear the coming of this WOKE Future where people will be reduced to what they were in the famous Stallone Movie "Demolition Man." Watch the movie and then tell me that this isn't the actual blue print and final result that the Lost Children of the WOKE are trying to move our society to by usage of all their whinny screams and pouty shouts...

SORRY!

I got lost in the conversation as I was waiting for my number to be called here at the noddle shop.

I am sorry, what was I saying?

OH! Big cameras and something about solutions, I remember it now...as I was saying...Wait...hold on for a second...sorry...



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Hold on, my number is next and if I miss it, I will not be eating here this afternoon – the line goes back towards the escalator.

That's my number...

How do I say "Here" in Japanese?

Will talk to you later after I get lunch.

(One hour later)

Glad to that you made it back.

Lunch was OK.

Nothing really great, it's just noodles and of course it was at a rather primo price for my extreme shoestring budget while I am living poor here in Kyoto.

As I think that I was telling you that I love my Canon 80D but that it is big, heavy and is getting in the way of taking fotos here in Kyoto so, I have decided to buy a smaller camera.

I know... "give up the 80D... are you nutts???"

It is a wonderful camera that makes great fotos but, its time has come...for whom the bell tolls, it tolls for big and bulky DSLR cameras (or not...read ahead).

It is time for something that will be easy to carry up and down the many hilltop tourist traps and allow me to again disappear into the massive sea of humanity that mills about these temples and shrines.

I need something rather stealth and small enough to not draw the angry eye of locals or militant merchants who so protect their own end-cap shrines assembled to please, honor all of the retail gods and their mantra of consumerism.



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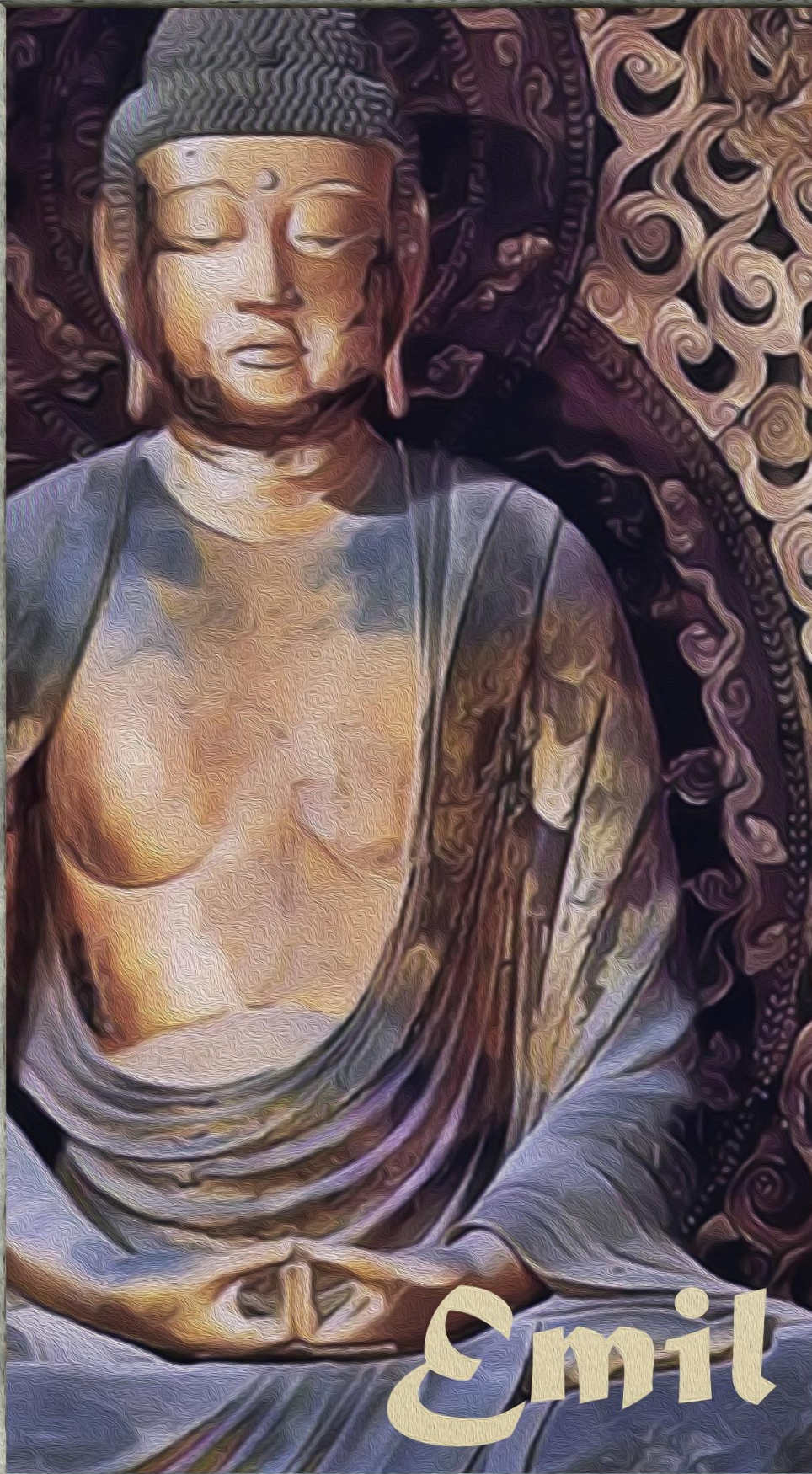
Another consideration was that Japan is no longer the camera buying Mecca that it had once been...this has mainly to do with the fact that most Japanese Cameras are no longer manufactured in Japan. Nikons are made in Thailand and VietNam, Canon is a hold out and still make a few here but even then, the new cameras that I looked at were manufactured in the Philippines (?) and in Thailand.

There is a used market here but, they mostly seem to be more or less, exclusively cater to their regular customers who tend to be a select group of old grump men and rich collectors – which results in no bargains for budget shopping foreigners.

At the used stores, the anti-foreigner basis would be hard for a first time shopper to distinguish as the Japanese are always so polite and non-confrontive unlike Chinese Merchants (who have no second thought to take an instant offence to whatever you just said and run you out of their store with a broom handle and while trailing a rather long stream of rude curses).

The Japanese Merchant will not tell you that they have 10 of those camera (you just asked about) in the back and will rationalize that the “didn’t lie” (Japanese People are sensitive to being called out as a liar) because of the way you phrased your question to not include the back room and it was really true they didn’t have any on the sales floor.

Stand around the busier shops for any length of time and you will see this play out time after time.



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These stores are famous for being run by cranky old men who have a rightful disdain for foreigners – especially Americans and the English (in fact, the only ones that they truly hate more are the Chinese and sometimes the Koreans).

This has to do with their advanced age and that they have personal memories of the War and worse yet, the American Occupation of their country after the war. Many of them lost fathers and uncles fighting the war and many still remember the disguise of the greedy, American Gangsters that came to rule their country along with the Warlord MacArthur (what the Japanese called him at the time).

Same with the Chinese as many Japanese Soldiers who went to China never came home alive or even in death.

There is still much pain and bitterness in the older generations here.

I get it and I understand it for the opposite point of view as many American Dads and Uncles never came home either. This has faded much in the younger generations here with the exception of a growing right-wing movement who seek to restore Japan to its former and greater place in World Affairs especially in regards to the need to rearm as they see China for the same kind of threat that China once viewed Japan in, back in the 1920's.

You see this with all of the young people renting and parading about the temples in class dress of the 1800's.



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They are secretly crying to the lost of the Empire and the glory that their parents taught them was Japan of the past. They look on the Koreans and remember that they were the colonial master of these Korean “hill-a-billese” for over 100 years and still think of them in this light.

What this has to do with Cameras, Bubba????

It means that you ain't gonna get a good deal at the used camera shops unless the old man is at lunch and his grandson is watching the shop.

“Yes...I am getting back to the cameras, Ma!”

After much research I stumbled upon my final shopping list that addressed my need of a small, lightweight camera that would fit into my \$600 (USD) budget – total cost as there is no money for costly add-ons or investment in expensive lens. The first was the Sony A6000 which was at the cheapest and on the surface, it was the best money and value deal.

The A6000 is basically the same, core camera as the 6300, 6400, 6500 and so it would seem that the newest 6600 is the same-same on taking fotos and it only about to come out.

Now the new cameras improve the video and weather seal the camera better but, are at their heart, they are just an A6000 on steroids.

The downsize is that the kit lens is like worthless to what I need to shot inside dark temples where I cannot get within ten feet of the statue...the newer kits with the 18-135mm lens while a bit slow would be perfect but, it would add almost \$200 (USD) to my costs.



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I didn't mention battery life is bad but, third party batteries and chargers are cheap here: 2 batteries and dual charger was less than \$30 (USD).

END THOUGHT: Great little camera, great pictures but, the cost of the lens is "TOO DAMN HIGH!"

The next contestant was Canon's newest mirrorless camera, the M50. Which is light, very small and right above the A6000's price tag.

The problem again was a kit lens that would not do what I needed to do but, with an adapter (almost \$300 here for the Canon and \$100 plus for a (maybe will work OK) third party adapter that will let me use the lens that I have assembled for my 80D.

Then, there is a terrible battery issue here that is far worse than with the Sony...from what I have read and watched in all those endless YouTube Videos was that I would need 4-5 batteries to get me through a normal day of shooting.

Now that is really a serious issue...and thus cost to consider. With the extra cost of the adapter or to buy "M" mount lens for the camera took it from a rational "must buy" to a "are you kidding...you want how much for the adapter?"

Seriously, they really do give you the adapter for free when you buy the new EOS R or RP...

With my the third selection, I heard you!

No! I am not being stupid?

On the surface, I do admit that you might have a point as it is not a mirrorless camera but is a DSRL.



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The 3rd choice is the new Canon SL3 (better known here as the SL2 Mark 2 or even as the 250D in Singapore) and it is Canon's smallest normal camera (about 60% smaller than my 80D) but, it has everything inside that the M50 does but, it needs no adapter and battery life falls into almost the science fiction world with an ability to take over 1000 plus votes on just one battery that is much smaller than the one on my 80D.

So, there is nothing else left to buy...no adapters, lens (I already have) and "No thanks!" to the suggestion of a backup battery. The warranty doesn't much matter as I don't live in Japan so an extended warranty was an extra cost that I need not trouble myself with.

"OH...you should have gotten an International warranty!"

Please Campers! In the real world of Asia that I live in, believe me that is not the YouTube version of Asian reality, international warranties are a retail insider's joke on a stupid, misinformed, foreigner devil.

"But, I give you an International warranty if you pay full price...for FREE...no additional cost."

I once took a lens to the Canon Company Service Center in Bangkok and the first and last question that was asked was "Where did you buy?"

I was truthful and said on

"Amazon but, I have the international warranty!"

After the loud and extended laughter died down in the Canon office, the young gal kindly said that they would repair but "Not FREE...as you didn't buy it here...Sorry!"



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So, Campers, hope that you will not be fooled into paying full retail on the vague promise of some magical, mystical grace of international cooperation in all issues dealing with warranty repair.

Each of the above cameras did come with a local one-year warranty and a 30-day return/replacement service as free. Not bad, because, remember like all electronics are more than likely gonna fail within a very short time after you first turn them on...with cameras, if you have a problem a year from now; it usually means that you screwed up something and that the camera was not to blame...

Did the deed today and I now have a brand new, grey market (actually it was made for the Philippines' Market) Canon SL3 or as tagged here, the Canon SL2 Mark 2.

Looks and feels all the same to me...same-same...

I have gone from almost a 20-pound backpack to a little 3-pound shoulder bag which should mean a lot to my aching shoulder after a full day shooting...I have to really take you a pic(s) so that you can see the radical difference as it really is...

The camera is small and while it's not as small as the M50, it is light and actually feels good on the hand because of the good hand grip.

Actually, it turns out to be more advanced than even my 80D basically because most of what is inside is just a newer, more advanced version of my 80D's electronics.

Since I already have good set of canon lens to use with it, the pictures are much the same as I can get on my 80D.



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I decided to abandon the kit lens as I don't really do video – which that lens is decent for and I decided to use a 50mm stm F1.8 lens (results between it and the 50mm F1.4 didn't justify double/triple the cost to buy here).

I did add this 50mm lens to the cost as an afterthought, as I have a 24mm flat lens on the 80D but I needed something with a bit more low-light ability for use in dark temples and shrines. It cost just about \$100 (USD) here – which seems to be about \$25 less than in America.

So, my new, standard setup is the Canon SL3, a 50mm F1.8 and my old but very trusty, 100mm F2.0 Cannon Lens – in fact, with how and where I shoot, this is my most used lens.

Still on the bench, I have the really expensive 11-24mm lens and the hand street lens, the 24mm as my main backups but, as I don't seem to use them all that much...nor can I figure out of to carry them without breaking out the giant camera bag and thus defeating this entire exercise in minimalism....

I will leave them in my 80D bag for future reference and need.
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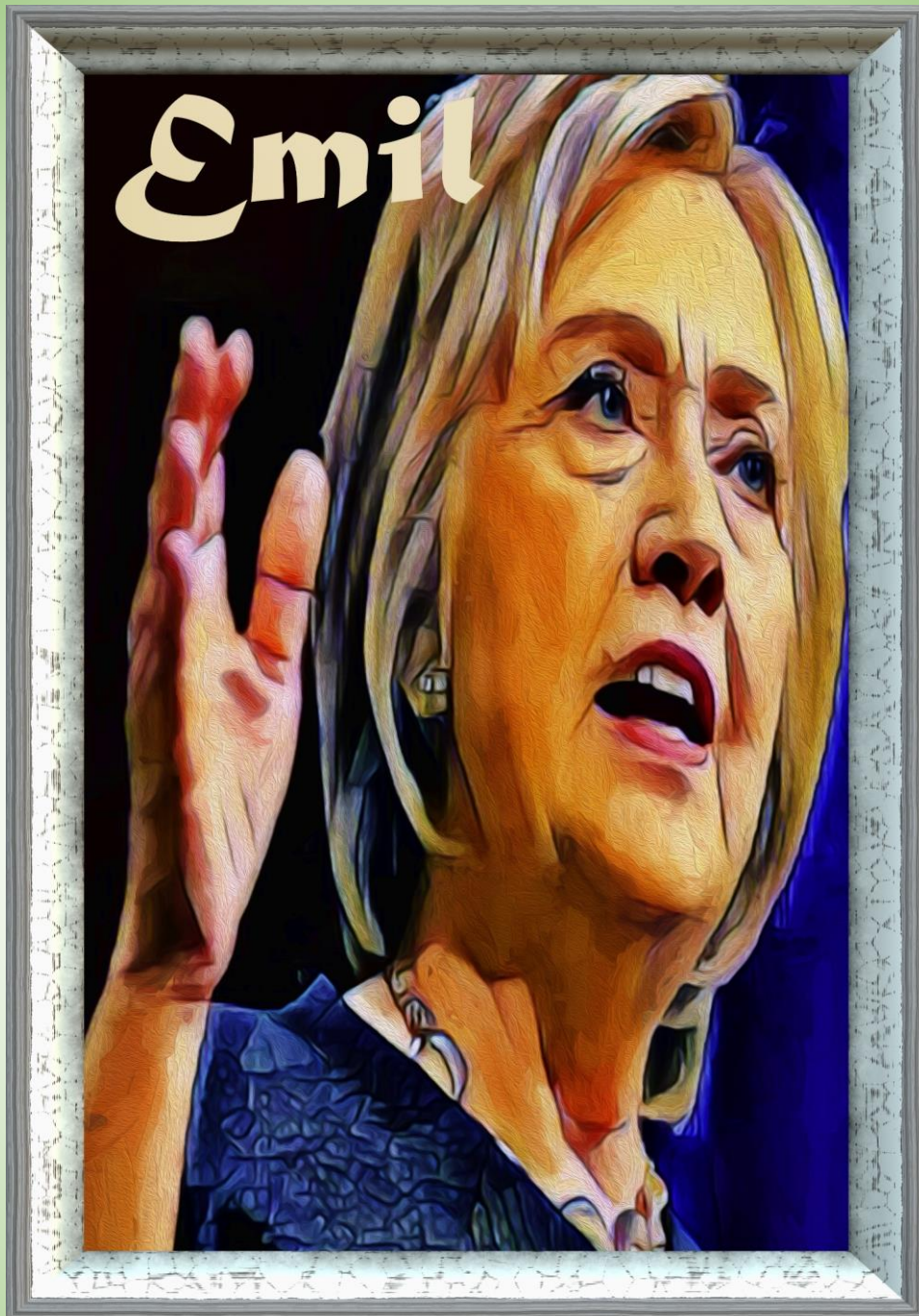
I am not and will not sell my 80D...it is too ingrained into my physic being to discard or abandon.





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"This is the stupidest story"

Emil - Canon 80D 100mm F2.0 shot @ f8

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Hillary Clinton Claims Russians 'Grooming' Tulsi Gabbard as Third-Party Candidate

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton asserted that the Russians are attempting to undermine the 2020 election by backing Representative Tulsi Gabbard (D., Hawaii) as a third-party candidate, stating "she's the favorite of the Russians."

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FROM Seine LaGone, President & Editor for WWWG Productions Ltd.

TO: Emil's many readers

WWWG is not and will not be responsible for any political insights, expressed opinions or commentary by/from Emil in either print or in this Blog.

We reserve the right to agree with you that Emil can be/is a rude dog who actually does enjoy taunting what he calls the "Lost Children of the Woke."

Any complaint, threat (to include the five we got on Twitter this AM to storm our offices here in Singapore - public protests require a proper police permit here in Singapore, just for your information) and any other form of violence be directed to Emil...

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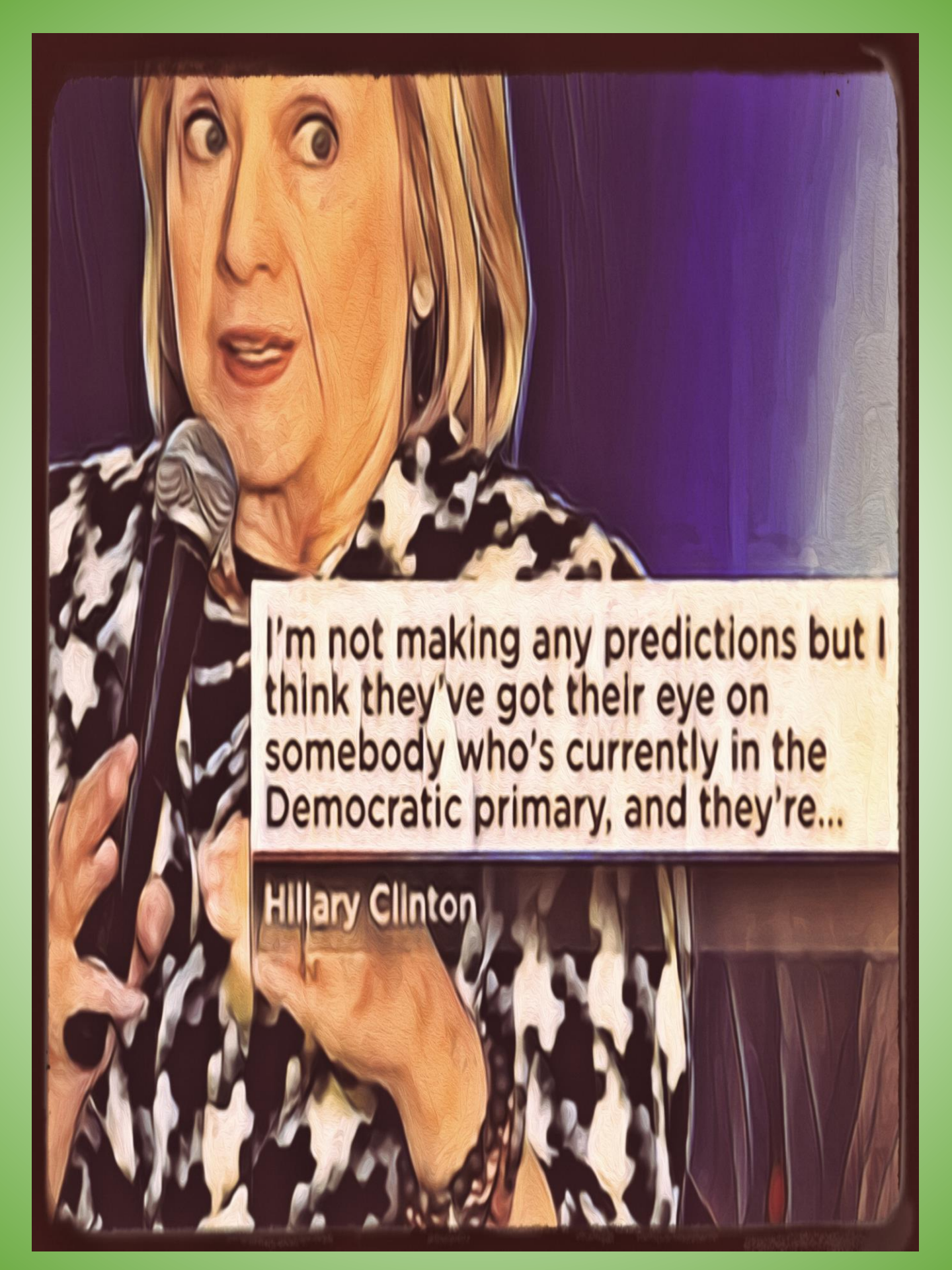
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This is the stupidest story that I have read since Hillary's last non-best seller, that fictional tale on the election of 2016 came out...you know the one where she did her David Letterman styled, top ten countdown list to the reasons why she was cheated out of her rightful manifest destiny to be America's First Woman President...

Sorry, Ms. Warren!!!

"How many ways can I lose an election without it being my fault?" Hillary spends several 100 pages exploring this very issue...



I'm not making any predictions but I think they've got their eye on somebody who's currently in the Democratic primary, and they're...

Hillary Clinton

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On a completely different level... Divorced from all reality. A true war hero, a currently serving member of our armed forces and who is actually a very good candidate (have you actually listened to her podcasts?) is being slandered by the head of the ancient fraudsters and they are trying hard to deny her a square chance deal at the Democratic Nomination mainly (if you have listened to her) because she could take it away from the current slate of the old, fart front leaders (as good old Uncle Joe says "beat them like a drum!") and would leave Hillary no chance to jump in after Uncle Joe crashes and burns...

Sorry...Hillary!

It must be hard to be denied three times...a person rejected, fearful that her opportunities to meet her destiny are being yet denied again by the mere presents of this young Congress Woman from the great State of Hawaii...such rejection leads to such sad PR Events as this story...

Hillary listen to Bill and let it go...

Every Larry Nicholas says he feels sorry for you after reading this story...

This only comes to prove my point and open letter call that all ex-candidates should be subject to random drug testing...that goes for you too Mr. Romney!

EMIL UPDATE:

"Hillary Names Dem Candidate to be a Russian Agent..."



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...the Times for publishing “smears” and said television commentators calling her a Russian asset were “completely despicable.”

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Emil UPDATE: Posted this on Yahoo and they thought that I was too cruel...too un-WOKE and they repetitively deleted my posts...I thought I was rather polite and wasn't saying anything that any well-read person would disagree with...
#NextRevFNC

EMIL UPDATE: Tried posting an edited version but, I must be banned...OH Well!!! I have been thrown out of nicer places than this and usually with much more fanfare or protest...but, Yahoo always said they loved me then, that was when I was silent and didn't start talking common sense...

EMIL UPDATE: The little thugs, our old friends, those Ukrainian Twitter Trolls from the DNC Call Center (located just outside Kiev- must be cheaper rents outside the city, I guess?) are buzzing us with a rather large number of robot treats and personalized insults that is even a new height for them and they are keeping the Twitter humming this AM...

GOD!

They do love Hillary and be damn if you don't!

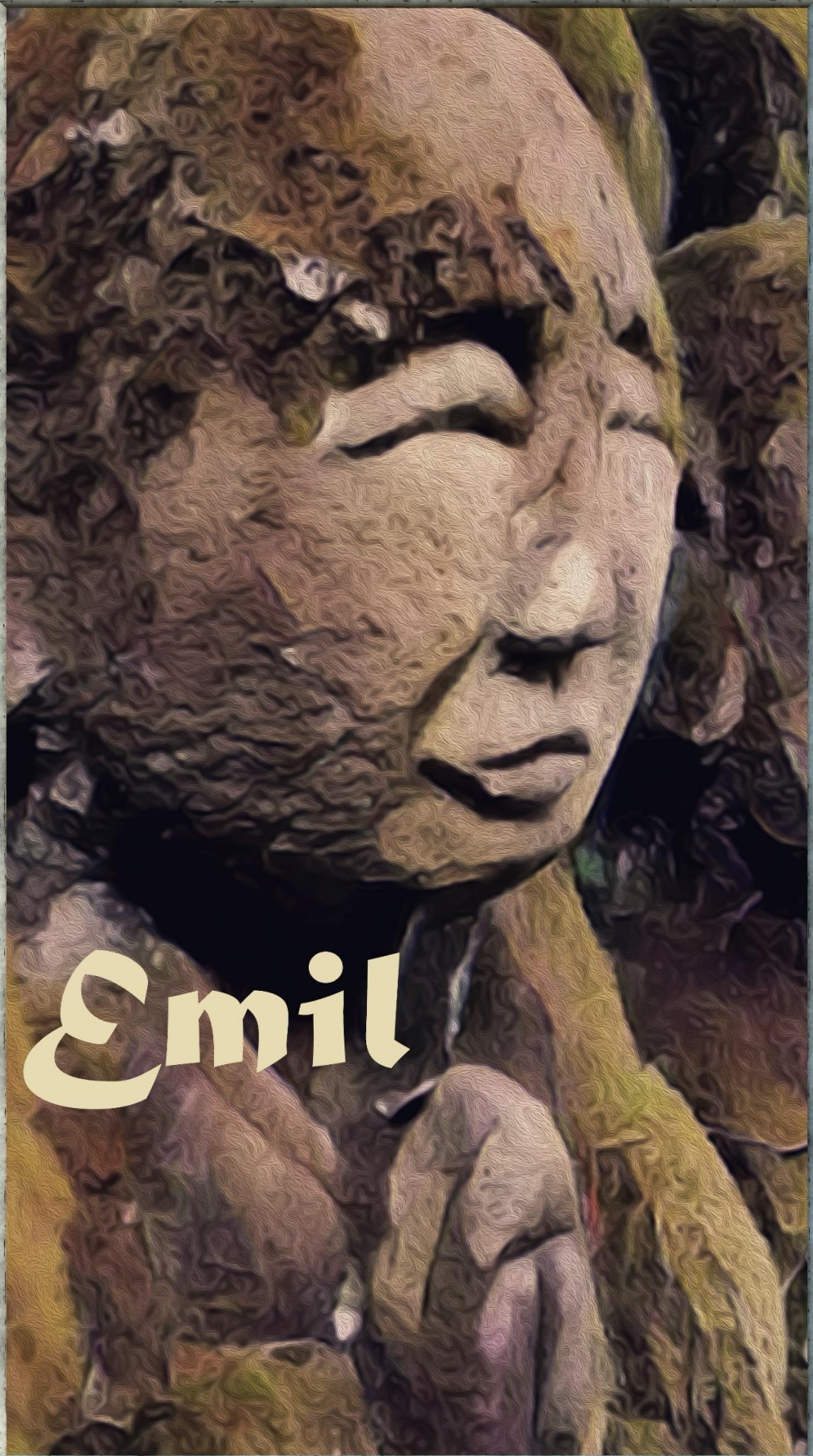
I think based on this limited sampling, she would have a really good shot at the PM position there...

Have they ever had a Woman PM in the Ukraine???

THERE YOU GO...

Manifest Destiny Plan 2: "First Woman PM of the Ukraine..."

I like it....



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But on yet another, a far different note, the funny part of all these attacks this AM against me is that they (the trolls) follow my blog...it seems, rather regularly and closely; so they must know that my great aunt was born in Eastern Ukraine...the one who had been the Soviet Fighter Ace in the Great War...the one who decided that her future lay in the West and flew her fighter westwards during the waning days of the war...

SO...

Comrade Trolls, how could I be racist against Ukrainian People? First off, Ukrainians are white people - you know that don't you?

I generally do fit that general description too...

So how am I being a racist against the people of the Ukraine?

Can ya explain that?

You know they never can stand logic...pure emotions is all they seem to thrive on...

I think, I set them off again...they are e-mailing Seine at WWWG again...as we talk...

Remember...to remind my little Troll Comrades...

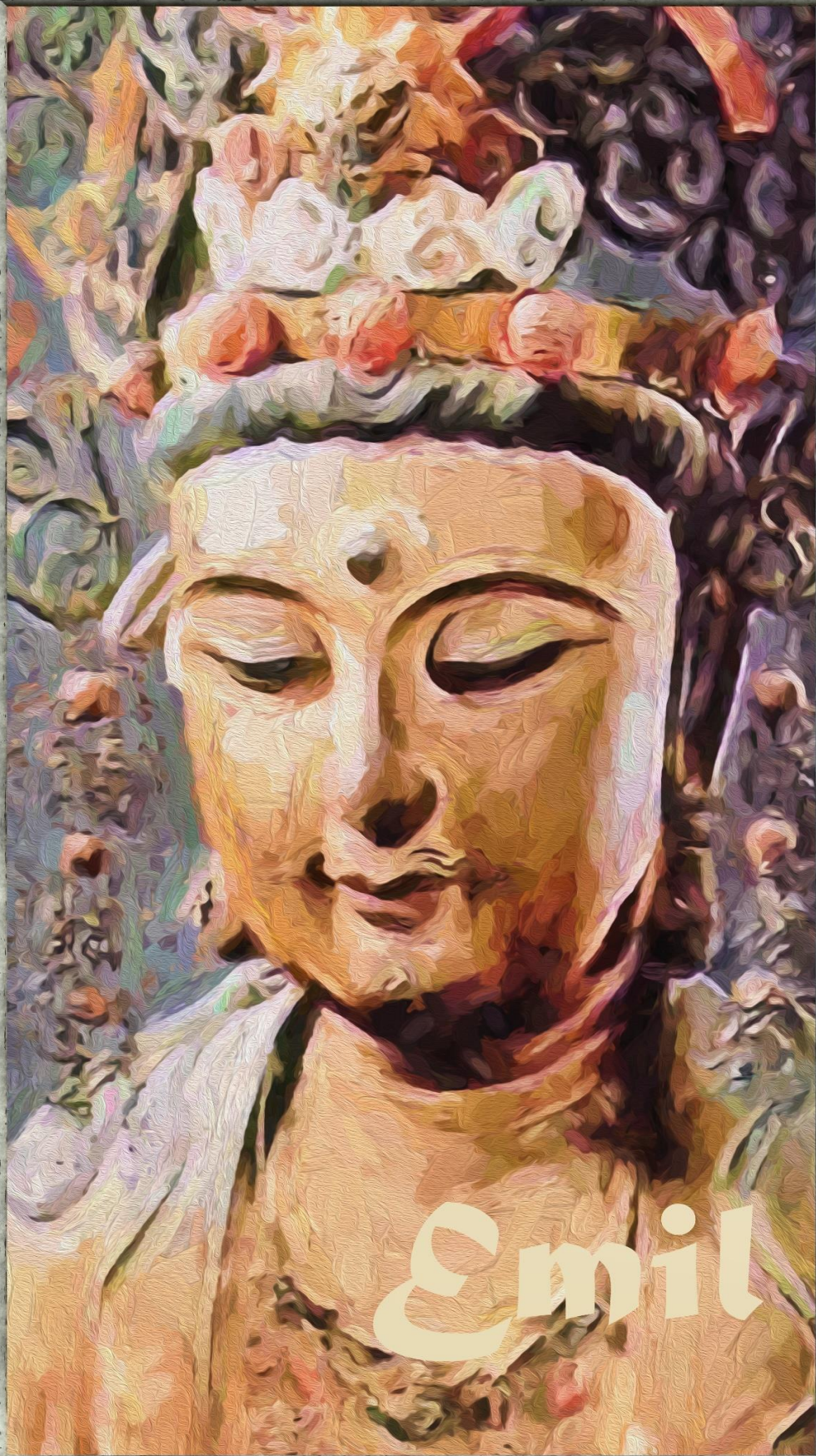
Did you forget? How could ya? We have been down the road...how many times before?

I have a no-cut contract here at WWWG....

Hate to see you all waste so much effort...shouldn't you all be making those robo calls for dear old Uncle Joe (that is what you get paid for...right???) instead of playing with me on the Twitter? #NextRevFNC



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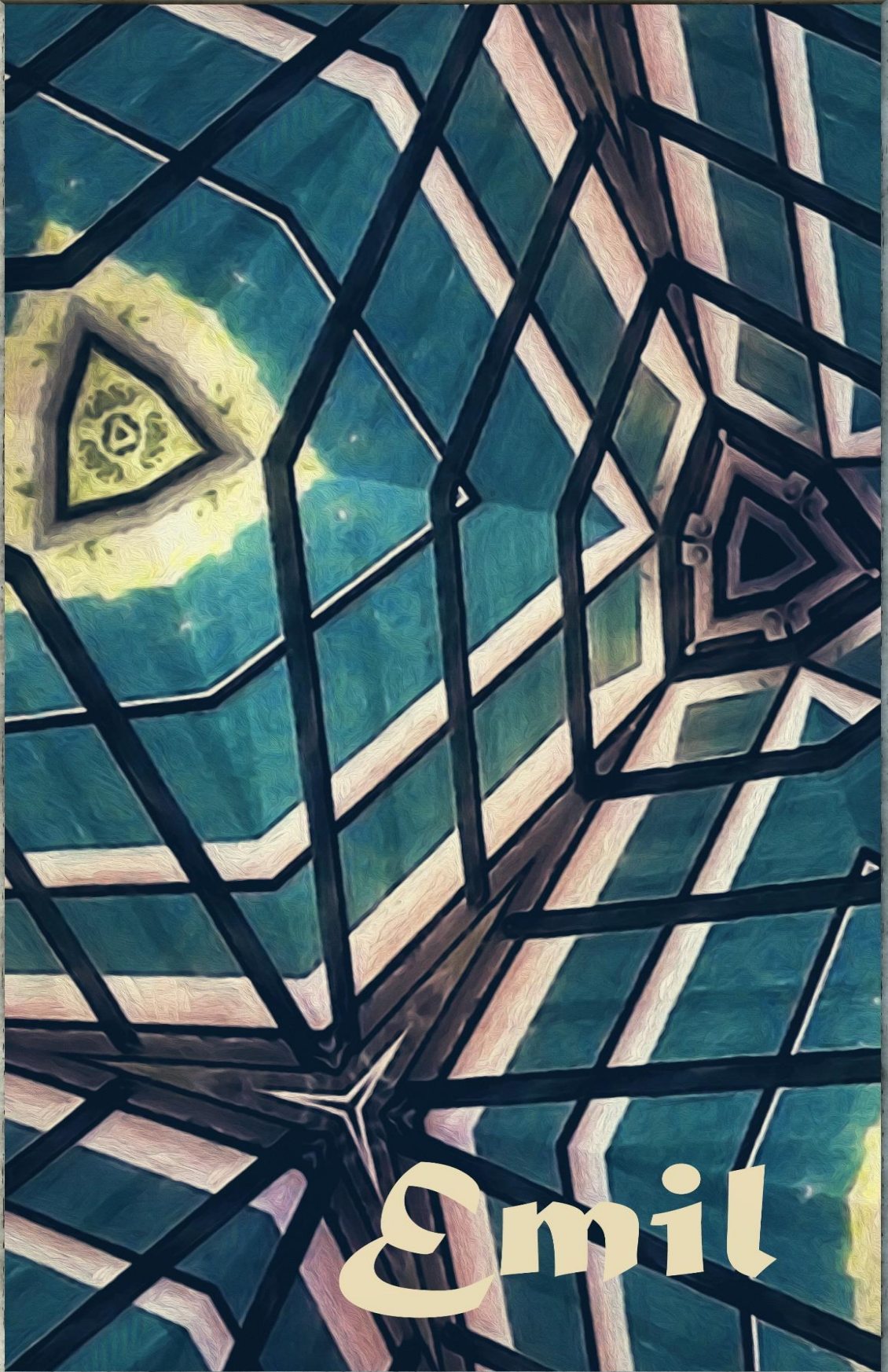
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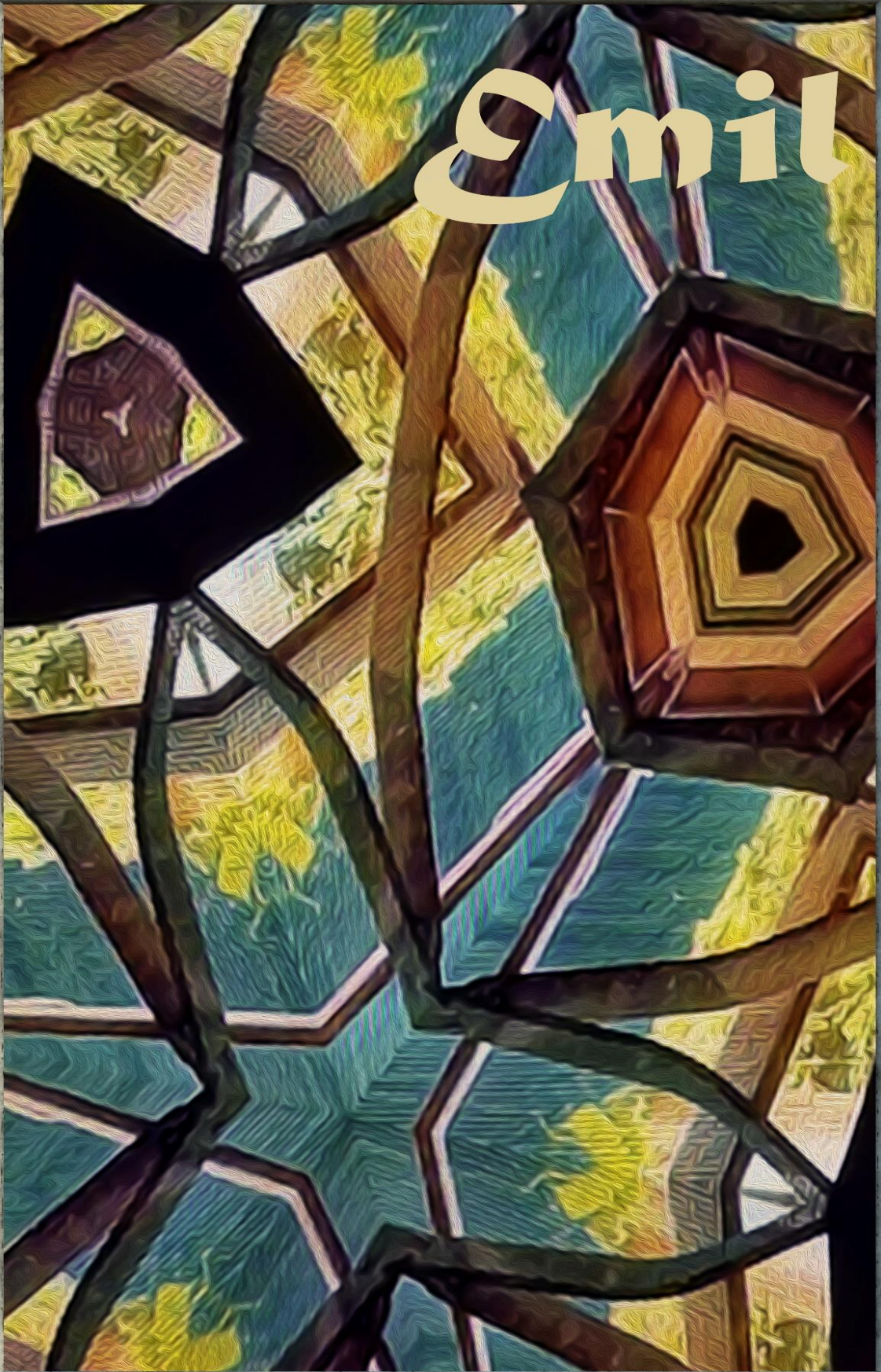
Looking skywards...Kyoto 2019

Emil - Canon 80d 24mm F2.8 shot at F11



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An abstract geometric artwork featuring a complex grid of squares and rectangles in various shades of green, yellow, and brown. The grid is composed of dark brown lines that form a series of interlocking shapes. The background is a light blue-grey color with a subtle, repeating pattern of small, stylized floral or geometric motifs. The overall composition is framed by a dark brown border.

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Stranger Things Sights inside Kyoto Station

Emil - Canon 80D 100mm F2.0 shot at F5.6



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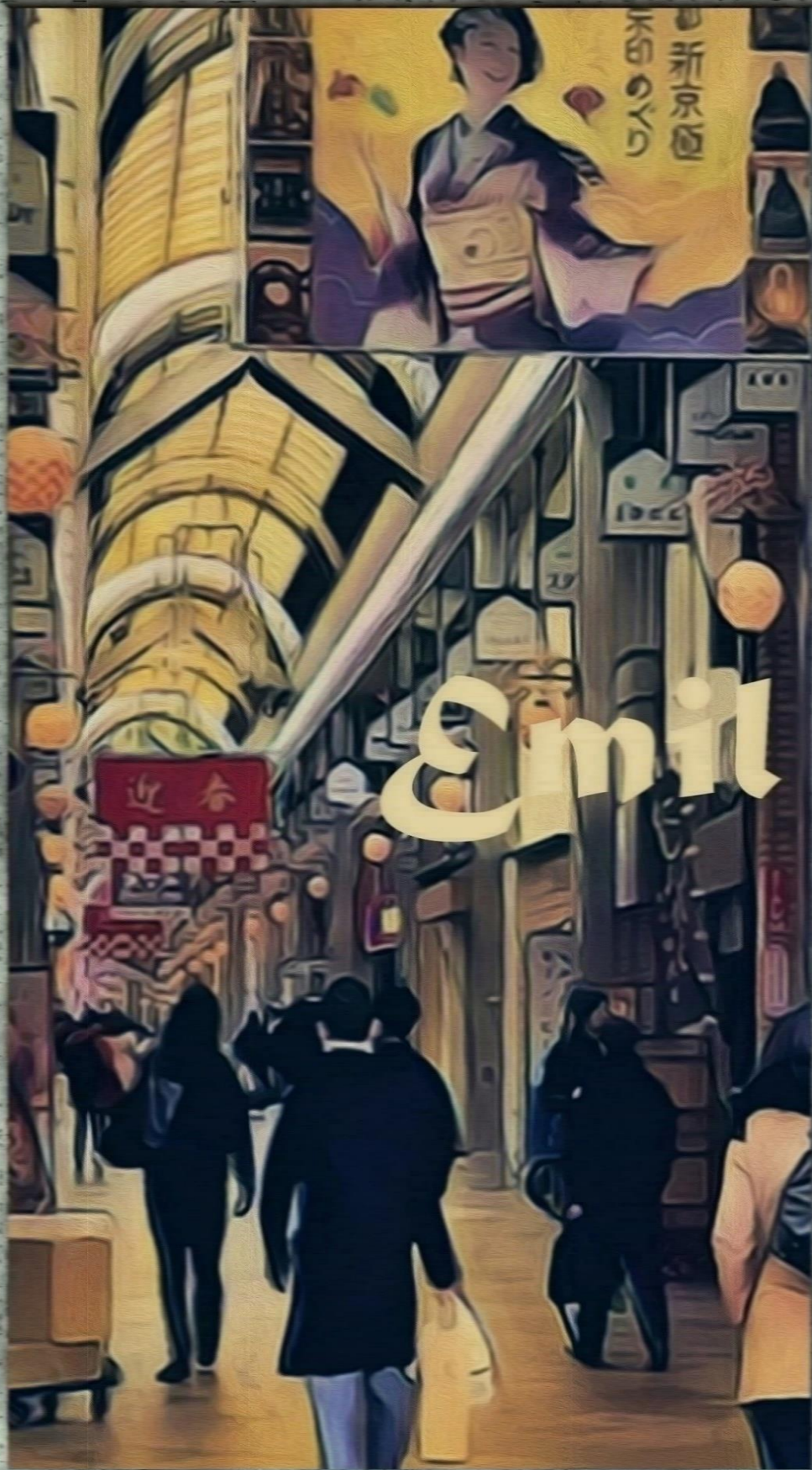


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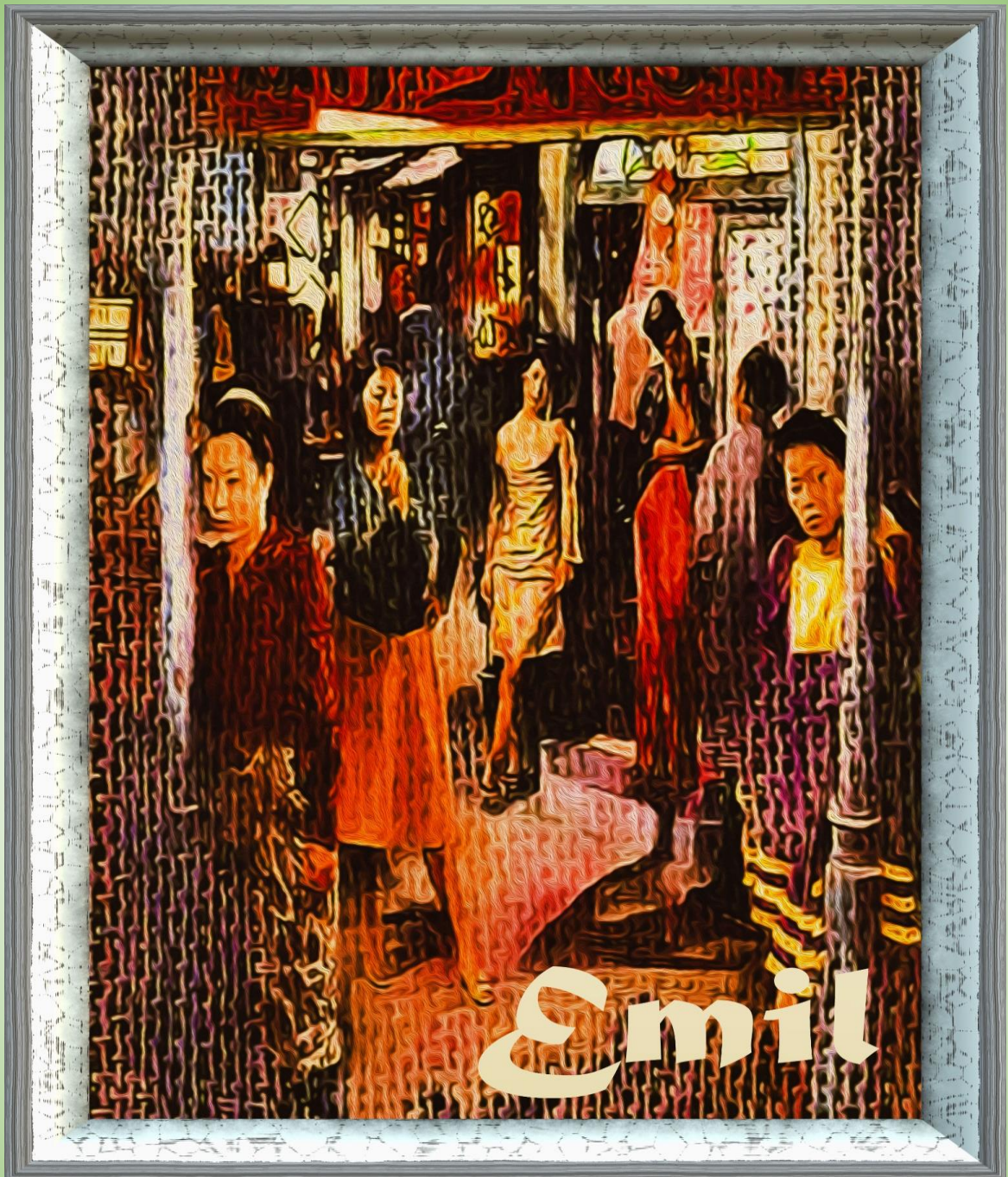


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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 21 September at 15:05

"A Rather Odd Point to Ponder?"

Emil - Canon 80D 100mm F2.0 shot at F5.6

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I was standing here, on line to go from the vending machine waiter to go to yet another line to get a spot at a counter - not even a table...

"Welcome to Kyoto!"

What else was there to do?

It was better than stopping to think about this strange, robotic...mechanical way that the Japanese select to use as part of their dining experience...

My mind is often seized by these random, many times odd (at best and at their worst, downright scary strange) thoughts that I often wonder if other, more responsible denizens happen to have or experience?

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Anyway, I was thinking that the main difference between my generation and this new, sanitized generation of fragile "WOKE" children is/was that we were allowed to fail...in fact, it was often encouraged by family, friends and even spiritual role models.



Failure was an important...a critical component of growing up and was most important in teaching us how to better deal (navigate) with a non-perfect world.

Failure itself wasn't the actual goal but it was a powerful tool used to mold our future character, instill in us a desire to go

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the next mile to avoid failure - not to accept setbacks or delays as finite. Keep trying despite the odds!

Through failure we learned to be creative, exercise the power of personal willpower and most importantly, we learned how to use failure to build success.

Now, this new "Woke" generation was raised where they were never introduced to failure - no matter how badly one does or how little you actually try, you are still rewarded...

"No need to really try any harder...because you are OK just as you are!"

YES!

Emil



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Emil



34th place in the foot race...

Still a winner! Here is a trophy!

They have never had to deal with failing and this is why they are so unprepared and so unable to cope when they come face-to-face with it in real life...

This is why they are so quick to give up, give in and to get in line with all the other "Woke" children marching down the boulevard while shouting out commonly agreed upon slogans (selected by a proper sensibility committee) for the socialist, "WOKE" Utopia that their un-woke, puppet masters have convinced them is not some crazy dream but, real if they shout and scream at their parents just a little louder!

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As I am different than my father's generation as these "WOKE" Children are from who I Am but, I still carry the legacy of his generation's kindness and trustworthiness - which I do fear was lost in transit to these fragile "Woke" generation.

A painting of a Japanese garden scene. In the foreground, a large, ornate stone lantern with a tiered roof and a small shrine-like structure on top. To the left, a wooden post with vertical Japanese calligraphy. In the background, a torii gate and more trees. The name "Emil" is written in a stylized, orange-yellow font in the upper left corner of the painting.

Emil



Emil



Emil

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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 24 September at 05:29

"Weather is still depressing"

Emil - Canon 80D 10-24mm F3.5 shot @ F5.6

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Emil



Weather is still depressing, not cooperating while this random rain is like more than a random bummer and the fact that I spent most of a day riding the city bus #72 for over 31 stops (each way) only to have my planned photo shot called on account of rain...I was shut down and rained out...

The main evil, villain(s) here, were those socialist, accounting thugs/swines back at WWWG's World Command Bunker; for it was those evil socialist ba**ers that were too cheap to fork over even a single Abe Lincoln (\$10 USD) to get me a proper transit, day pass...

"It ain't about the Benjamins (\$100 USD), baby...as that would represent my full WWWG Budget for the rest of the week!"

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You can clearly see that it has taken a major toll...

Can't ya, Seine?

So much for all of my self pity has that and 230 Yen will surely get me nothing more than yet another 31 stop, long bus ride... early tomorrow...in the AM depending on the rain.



And now I am off to yet another exciting diner courtesy of our local Family Mart or 7-11...they are nice people and seem to have taken some pity on this down-and-out, this poor tourist... I got a free green tea favoured Kit-Kat bar last night with my dinner purchase at 7-11!

Emil





Emil

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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 27 September at 21:40

Don't believe me? Look here!

Emil - Canon 80D 10-24mm F3.5 shot @ F5.6

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Don't believe me?

Look here!

It is complicated...

This is gonna sound stupid but, you would be really surprised how many visitors are in sheer panic on using a toilet in Japan for the first...tenth time as they can't figure out how to flush the damn thing...even the most basic toilet are tricky as most of you don't read Japanese (You do? Then why are you reading this, bubba?) and end up using the ancient squat ones...instead...

As a community service...here is a basic guide...put it on your cell phone and never again fear a Japanese Toilet.



Emil



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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 28 September at 11:40

"To be a billionaire without trying!"

Emil - Canon 80D 10-24mm F3.5 shot @ F8

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If you have been following along with my blog, you would know that I have it in with the Chinese Thought Police (we are tight!) in Hong Kong but sadly, I am not related to anyone famous (although I once worked in the Jimmy Carter Campaign...does that count?) and as a second strike, I am not (currently) on any medication other than Cuban Rum and life; but, I am rather seriously thinking if good old boy, Hunter (Biden) can get 1.5 billion out of the tight-a**ed Chinese... Maybe just maybe, I can pick up the spare change he left behind...dropped on his way back to Air Force 2....

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Look...like, I'm just saying...to my Chinese Friends...
Hey! I am not greedy, I don't need the whole billion-five...
I will take a check but, I would prefer cash and if you could just
drop it over there...on the tarmac, right over there...
Where...like, I could pretend to just stumble across it...



This way, I could give you some real deniability just in case, say
the Washington Post finds out and writes a story...you could
say, like, "Oops! I must have dropped it!"
I am truly concerned and looking out for your image!

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You can see that I am more concerned that Hunter was with ya image...I'm not demanding a traceable wire transfer...!

You know that I'm always good to my word (you held me for six week...remember...check your records!) ...see...my uncle, he was like a made-man...

So, I very much understand how to keep my mouth shut...

NOTE: So far...sadly...

The Chinese have yet to respond but, I am still hopeful...

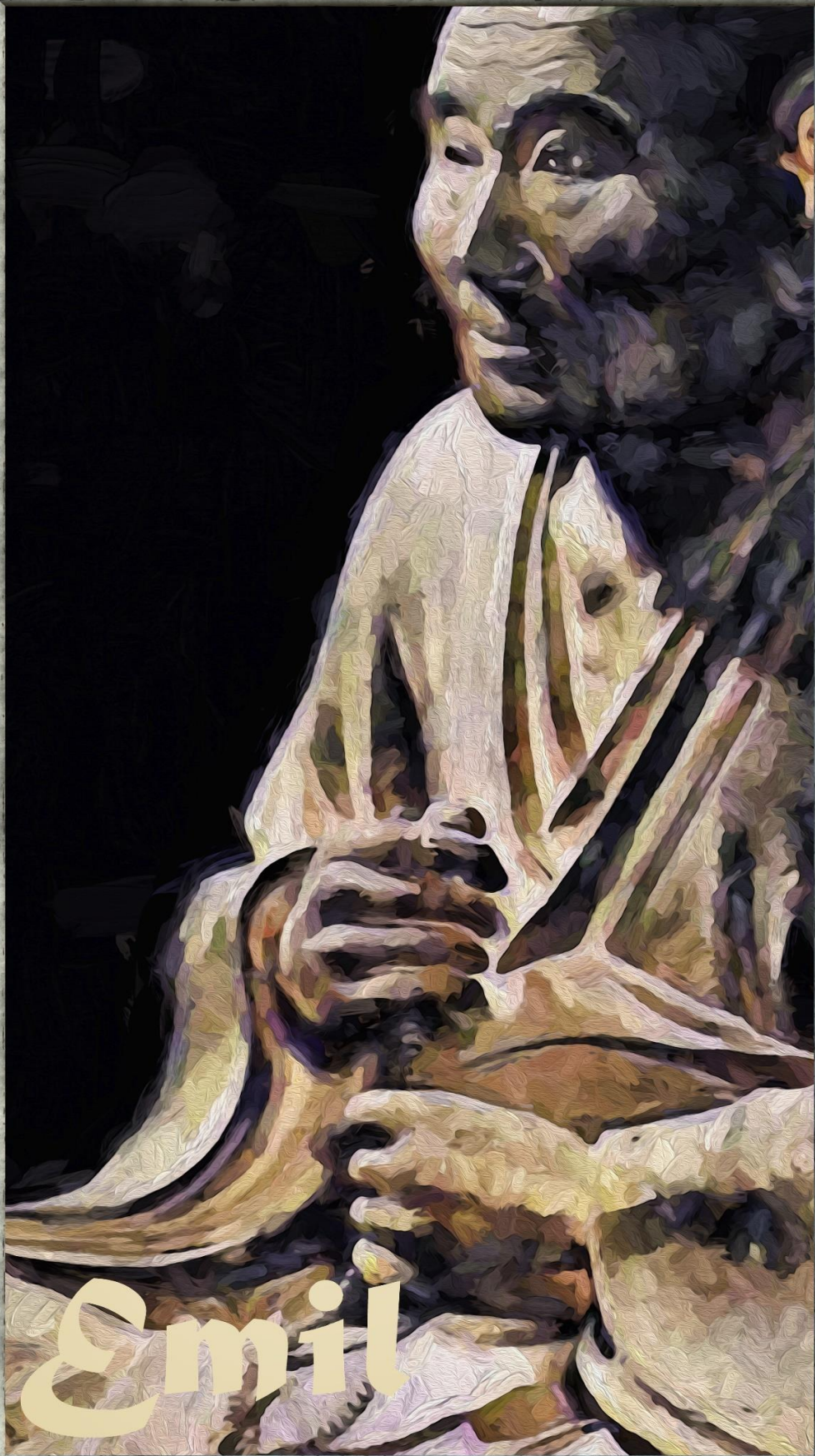
I also emailed Hunter to ask him for the insider hack(s)...you would think that he would be good enough to share...NAW!

Well, maybe he is waiting until his dad gets elected and then write his book? I would imagine it would be a best seller...

"How to Become a billionaire Without Really Trying."

His (Hunter's) system seems much easier that The Donald's...his requires a lot of hard work...





Emil

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Emil West is in Kyoto, Japan - 28 September at 12:37

"Swing for the bleachers"

Emil - Canon 80D 10-24mm F3.5 shot @ F8

The new hotel that WWWG booked for me (this next week as my current one was just closed by what I assume is the Japanese Board of Health?) doesn't offer FREE WI-FI so, you may not hear for me for another week or so...it is either this or the Chinese came through (see previously posting for the full story) and I am long gone to the wind before my bill collectors find out that I have come into new funds...

KYOTO, JAPAN

OK...

Wishful thinking...?

Got to hold on to some day dreams...

Don't you think?

Like Lizzie Warren totally explained the other day...

"We need to swing for the bleachers no matter if we have never hit a home run and not stop to consider that a bunt could win the game."

"Later, my fellow Campers...until I meet again..."

Will Rodgers once said that or was it Pee-Wee Herman?

I forget which but, I mean it just the same!





Emil



Emil

KYOTO, JAPAN



Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 4 October at 01:05

"I see by your outfit you are a Ghiesa..."

Emil - Canon 80D 10-24mm F3.5 shot @ F8

KYOTO, JAPAN



"I see by your outfit you are a Ghiesa..."

"I see by your outfit, you are a Ghiesa, too"

"We see by our outfits, we are both Ghiesa...if you get an outfit, you can be a Ghiesa, too"

A bad rewrite a truly great routine by the Smothers Brothers...sorry, guys!

But, you see that posers come in all shapes and sizes and for 3,000 yen a day, you a can be one too...

Mostly tourists that are playing Ghiesa for a day...with a lot of..a ton of selfies...but, a portion is this weird revival thing amongst the young...a means of non-conformist by being conformist sort of thing...go figure...

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Q. Looks so cool. I like the rabbit kimono store...what was your final verdict of Japan?

A. Most things from the YouTube Videos are way over-rated and sometimes distorted...Family Mart and 7/11 do not have the



best foods...Sorry! Actually the grocery stores do as they specialized in take home meals but tend to be a little pricey. Yes, people here are extremely helpful but not truly friendly...they do go out of their way to assist you but, it is not because they really want to but, it is what has been engrained

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in them since childhood...group think to the max...no room for one to go there own way, other than to go up on the roof of the big office buildings and jump...strangely, this represents, a perverse form of freedom...It's rather sad...what can I say ? If you can't conform you are outcast...outcasts have no place here in this society...other than to go to the rooftop...to jump! Too many rules, no flexibility...and right away you can see how they can get down right testy at anything out of the expected... Most sites are tourist traps and the old part of the city is crawling with posers in kimonos...on a 3000 yen rental fees...half foreigners and half locals doing this weird revival thing...The dress is very conservative with none of the even semi wild



Emil

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"fashion you see in Tokyo like from my most recent book...everything here in Kyoto looks kind of Annie Hall 1970's dress code.

Travel with a tour assistant does restrict my normal exploration methodology...and that added to the bottom-line. Final, my insider's bottom-line on both Kyoto and Japan...they are way too expensive for what actual value you get out of it... But, the trains and buses were easy after the second day and this made traveling better but, a lot of walking to actually get anywhere...a lot of walking here...need to be in good shape! The soft ice cream is an organized rip off...big cones and swirls but...the middle is just empty air...so you think you are getting a deal only to quickly discover that you have been ripped off, yet again....Prices are much cheaper on Amazon...not what you wanted to hear but, I was rather disappointed by it all.....



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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 5 October at 01:35 ·

"Someone needs to start asking"

Emil - Canon 80D 10-24mm F3.5 shot @ F8

KYOTO, JAPAN

Emil



Mostly...tourist traps with a parking lot and an active gift shop dominating the temple grounds...true reflection and meditation are all but lost on this massive selfie lusting horde...posers to the left...a fake samurai warrior posing for a video to my right...and loud, drunken Germans complaining right in front of me...

So sad...I feel like what Jesus did when he saw the money lenders in the temple and I truly felt and then fought the urge to clear this temple...on my own if needed!

My travel adviser quickly intervened and convinced me that a Japanese holding cell was not in my best interest of my ability of staying the full 90 days of my current tourist visa...

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While I do understand the need to fund poor temples but these World Heritage sites are anything but that and are more about greed and I assume corruption by those involved with their operations as none that I have seen... worldwide...none show the real return to the former quality of the venue...



You see...if you look in depth...it is, in fact...a cut-rate, very cheap and shoddy reconstruction done, it would seem, by sweetheart deal contractors or low bid contractors- who lack the skills or the heart to actually spend the raised funds to properly restore to its real, former glory...stone statutes replaced with low grade cement...etc...etc...

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So very sad but, very true...like a true scam or at least, a very serious scandal that is in no one's interest to expose...as there are too many people living off this gravy train...

Betcha!?!?

Someone needs to start asking...

Don't ya think?

"Where has all the money gone????"

And just a thought, why are there some many Mercedes coach cars seemingly parked around each of these sites...who do they belong to...not so poor pilgrims? Dare Ask? I thought NOT!

Cue up Joni Mitchell's classic song" A Big Yellow Taxi."





Emil



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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 5 October at 20:22

"If you could only go one place"

Emil - Canon 80D 10-24mm F3.5 shot @ F8

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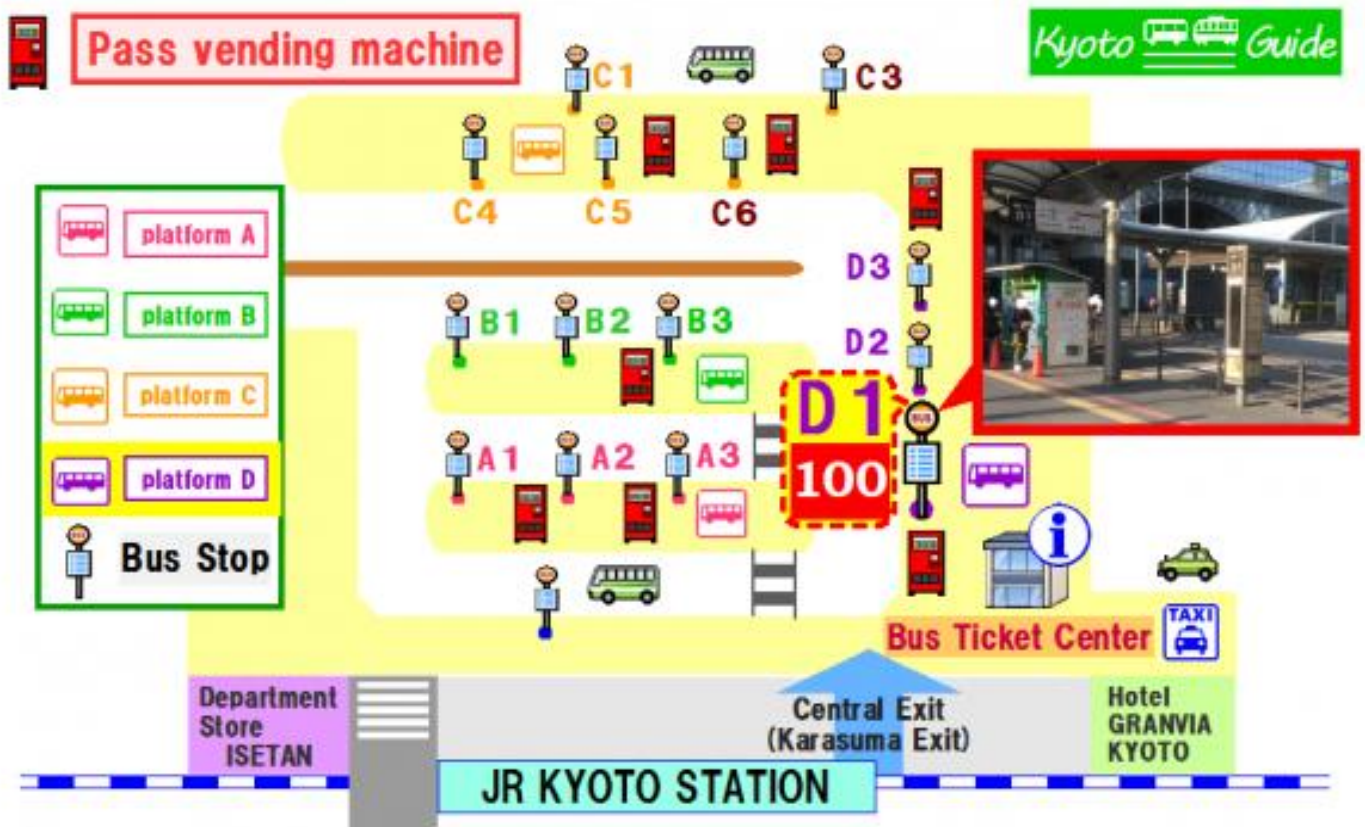
An old friend of my travel consultant swore that the only place to go was a place called the Silver Temple...that "if you could only go one place, this was it!"

Well...it is an hour local #100 bus ride to just get there as it was the very last stop on this route which should be noted, did pass a sea of other temples with very easy access to the actual bus stop (600 yen all day bus pass - you get it at the bus station in Kyoto Station from the bus ticket vending machine). After what seemed an endless numbers of stops, we arrived at the actual bus stop... Finally...we were there! Wrong!!!

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As it would turn out, there would be yet an additional slow hike of about 1 kilometer up a steep hill through populated with an endless swatch of touristy gift shops and expensive Japanese Fast Food Eateries, just to arrive at the temple entrance and there we had to pay an entrance fee of 500 yen each!

Bus Stop MAP for Raku Bus No.100 at kyoto station Bus Terminal



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Add to all this, there was the additional slap that you can't go into the house to have a look see and I must admit that this did not muster a positive response from this tired and like, totally wasted pilgrim...

OH! In full disclosure, there was also a very small ass pound with a couple of old, fish and they weren't silver, either! That's it...This had turned into 3 hour tour (turn around) without Gilligan, the skipper or Mary Anne..

Invested 1000 (2 tickets) yen for all this the pleasure...

Then...the final outrage was to only find out that there had been no reason to climb the mountain as it was all actually located on the other side of a hedge from the entrance...





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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 5 October at 20:35

“11th floor of Kyoto Station”

Emil - Shot with an ancient LG G2 Cell Phone





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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 5 October at 20:51

"Welcome to Kyoto"

Emil - Canon 80D 10-24mm F3.5 shot @ F8

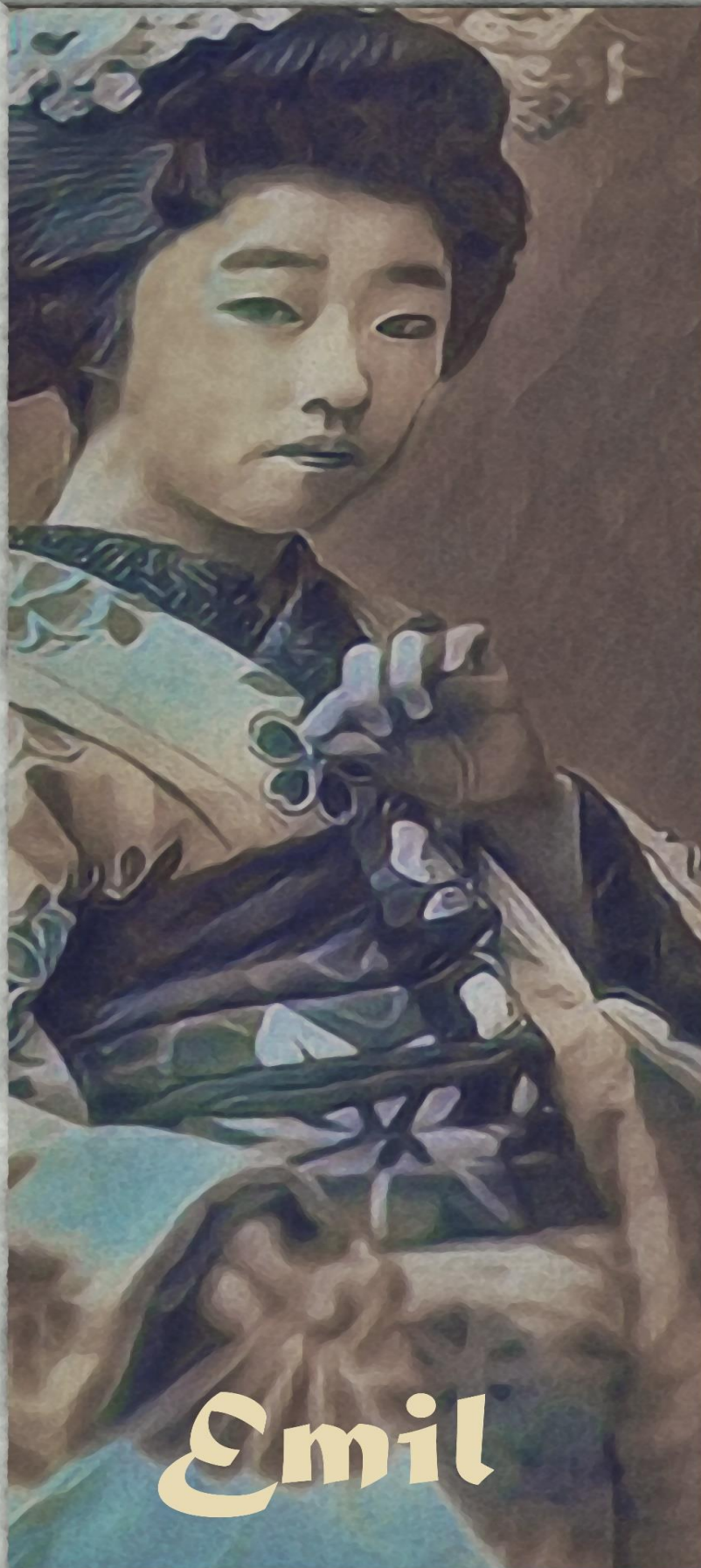
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So the long journey begins, deeply steeped in my utmost expectation(s) of spiritual enlightenment or at least, in random acts of deep meditation...only to have it all unravel into a deep resentment of the temple's greedy money changers, clash gift shops and drown in the endless wake of foreign posers in rented kimono parading noisily in and about the few who came to actual worship or like me, seeking to find resolution or at least, the pathway to it.

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of a young man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket and a light-colored shirt. The portrait is set within a rectangular frame with a decorative, repeating pattern. The background of the entire image is a solid light green color.

Emil



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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 6 October at 12:07

"A Great Tour Guide?"

Emil - Canon 80D 100mm F2.0 shot @ f8

Sometimes you have a great local person as a guide to help see you about...other times, they are strange and tend to get you in more trouble than you could have ever done on your own...this trip is not too different...see for yourself...you decide...











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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 6 October at 21:50

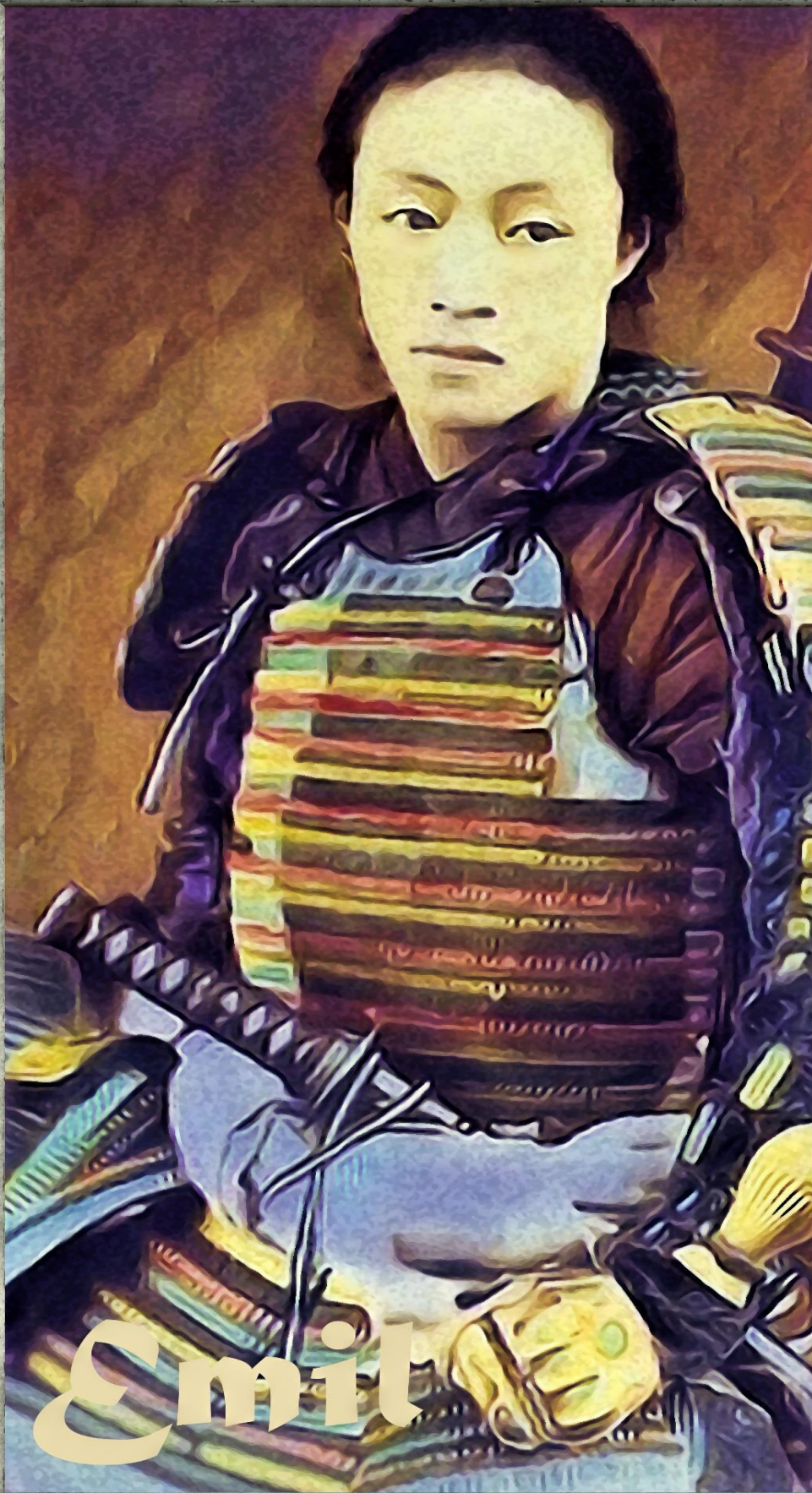
"Cats hold a Reserved Spot"

Emil - Canon 80D 100mm F2.0 shot @ f8

Cats hold a reserved spot in most temples here in Asia and it is no different in Kyoto... In fact, a cat is the symbol (maybe) mascot for the city which is kind of, way cool!



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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 9 October at 04:37

"Abandon a Payday?"

Emil - Canon 80D 100mm F2 shot @ F8

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Still working on "Last Day in Paris" Book and this small sampling is to reassure you (Seine) and prove wrong all of those evil, socialist accounting thugs at WWWG, that I have NOT abandon the project...as they mislead you that I had... Abandon a payday? Get real! Seine, when have you ever, in all these years, have you ever seen me walk away from a fat pay day????

Well...Not so fast...In fact, not even a very, not by any stretch, what could be called a reasonable payday if the truth be told! At this point, with the starvation budget I have here in Kyoto thanks to your cheapa** accountants...any payday looks fat... So, I am still a work in progress...more or less...kind of, sort of...YES! I am getting it done...in between my work here in Kyoto...



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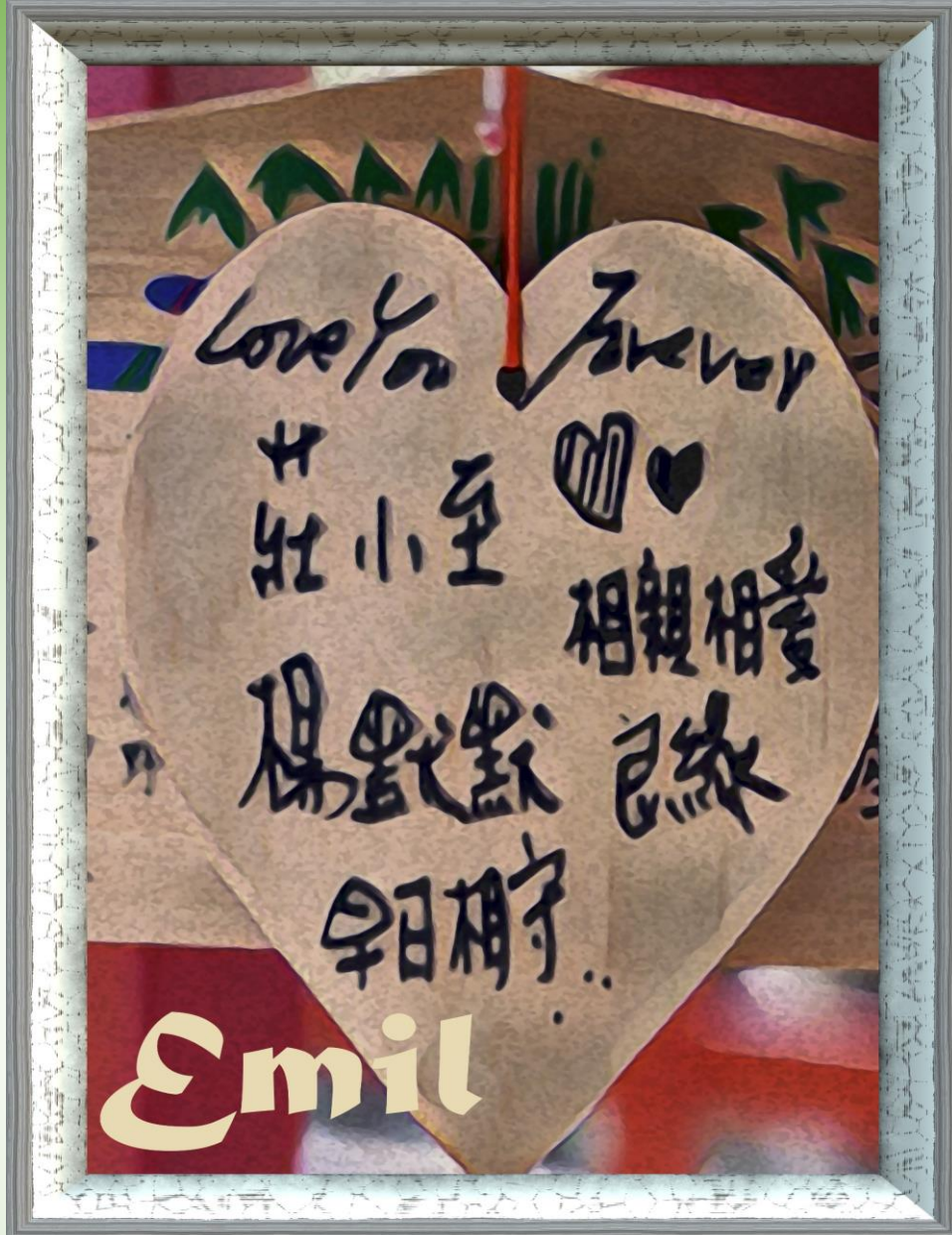
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"Hope they don't mind?"

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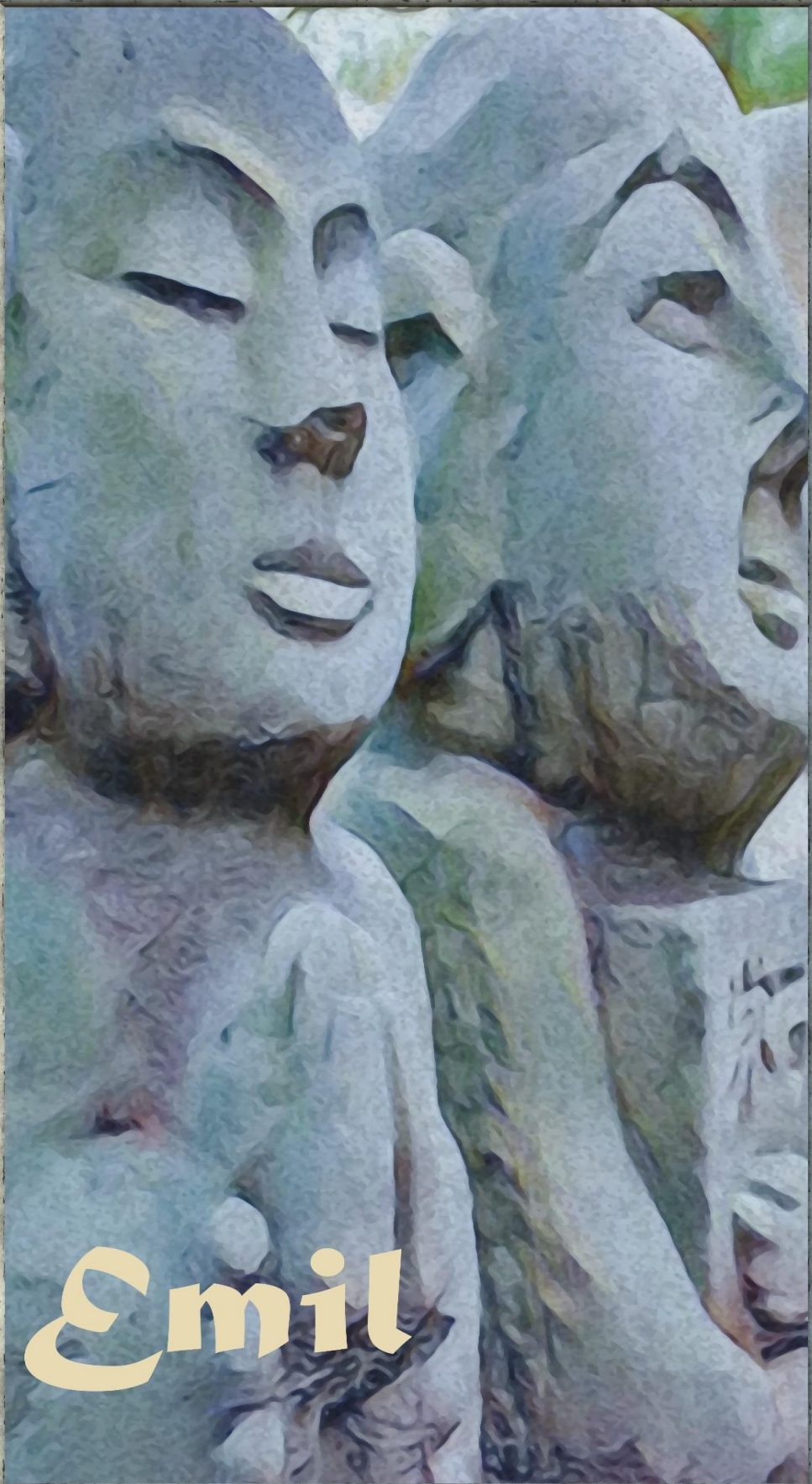
Some people just seems to have a silvery tongue when it comes to expressing feelings; so much better than me and for some rather odd or quirky reason(s), I thought it was really worth sharing and celebrating these sweet words of love, devotion and what truly would seem to be joy...

Note: At least that is according to the translation from my Travel Consultant (guide) but, she is a tad bit flaky and so, who knows what it really says...do you read Japanese?

I had just selflessly, wanted to share their private thought with the world...hope they don't mind?



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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 9 October at 19:06

"The Peace Corps in Thailand still?"

Emil - Canon 80D 100mm F2 shot @ F8mil

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Thought that I would post this amazement story about how the US Peace Corps, the organization that goes to 3rd and 4th World Countries; that they are still in Thailand...even though Thailand is an advanced country...one of the more highly advanced ones at that...it is far from a developing country? Still deep down I must still feel some distant kinship to them...even though they have done their best to uninvolve themselves from me, to shred my very records and profusely banished me from any mention in the Thai Legacy...from their history...they disowned me and erased all notation of my service...

They claimed that I was a scandal maker and an embarrassment...a bum, an even spirited, trouble maker...

It all was because of love...and first love at that!

Mind you...I had led a rather limited social life before that.

As I said, the scandal centered around first love and that was my evil sin...No wait! I remember now...they claimed that my true sin was that I wasn't willing to set it aside...

To walk away was what I was ordered to do ... Just let it go!

Come to think of it...with the benefit of 40 years now...

Looking back, I was really was an open embarrassment...

It was just as well that they disowned me...

Only Ajaan Sidhorn (The Former Peace Corps Training Director) understand...she alone understood the power of love...

Wow!?!#\$ Where did all those feelings just come from???

So much, suppressed anger and in the end it was a tragic loss all the way around...



Emil



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I need to go down to the supermarket and get some more Meyer's (I feel another kinship here as my mother's family name was Meyer...the ones who loved their homeland of Germany but we're all murdered by the Nazis except for my great grandmother - I actually wrote a book about her escape from Germany...) Jamaican Rum....before they close... It is cheaper here than anywhere else...even in Jamaica...

NOTE: I learned to always use the proper word as no one understood me while I first asked directions to the grocery store...only by filtering through alternative words did I get them to understand...grocery store was a no go but every one understood and directed me to the nearest supermarket... By merely finding their correct word description... It really worked wonders! Are you taking notes, Campers? Never heard that explained on any of those YouTube Videos...the billion of them that I actually watched before getting on the plane.

Many countries have but, it is the Japanese grocery stores (Japanese supermarkets – Not Singapore's) seem the closest you can are going to get to the full wonders of a Safeway or Albertson's in America...in their range of selection...the sheer assemblage of food from all around the world.

Then, they now have now several Costco's with even Diet Dr. Pepper and Burritos!!!! Dudes! Dr. Pepper!

They actually do beat American Supermarkets big time with their precooked, take home meals...Seriously, they were actually, the best meals that I have had while here in Kyoto...



Emil

Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 9 October at 23:34

“Only a Mother’s Love”

Emil – Canon 80D 100mm F2.0 shot @ F2

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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 10 October at 21:48

"NOT ME, CAMPERS!"

Emil - Canon 80D 100mm F2 shot @ F8

KYOTO, JAPAN

Seine posted the info on the new book "Last Days in Paris" and I know it is sometimes it can be like really confusing with both of us with the ability to post here...

I don't want to be cruel or even a smart ass but, I have implied, inferred and outright told you several times now that you should have bought the game program or just like now, how else you wouldn't know who is posting...except Seine usually says "This is Seine."

Never Mind!

He is over there in Singapore, I am still up here in Kyoto...

In fact, you are seeing the publication news at the same time I am...I guess that advance notice is technically above both of our pay grades...

Don't listen to Seine as he is the one still caught in that Paris Time loop...

NOT ME, CAMPERS!

The past is like yesterday's litter box and should be treated with that kind of reverence much as you would a brisk stroll thru a dark grave yard on a chilly autumn night...

By the way...the maple leaves are already starting to change colours here in Kyoto...pretty!

Having a late picnic supper on the observation deck (11th floor) of Kyoto Station catered by a very good, prepared meal from the local supermarket...Not bad for about 300 Yen total!

Did you know that you can openly drink in public but you can't walk and eat...very bad manners if you do!



Emil

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OH YA! Smokers still rule here!

Openly and proud...No designated smoking zones here.

If you don't like it...

They will quickly but very nicely tell you to get lost!

Take that has a thought all of you Woke Youngsters...

Do I hear the Twitter humming?

On a final but further note, there are no safe zones here for those easily offended as it seems that the Japanese (to their credit) don't need...

Don't think we are suppose to eat up here on the observation deck but, there was no sign and so far, no one has come by to say anything otherwise...

But, just in case, I am eating faster than I normally would...

If they do...we fall into our

"OH Shucks! We are just **TOURISTS**...ya know!?!"

That has worked so far...



Emil

Emil



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Emil is in Kyoto, Japan - 11 October at 10:40

"The Mother of All Storms"

Emil - Canon 80D 100mm F2.0 shot @ f8

KYOTO, JAPAN

“Seems like I am in for a bit of bad weather...if this report is right...”

If you think that the local news is straight without the hype of the Western Press (which from what I can see it is...that's refreshing...isn't it?) would spin this as kind of a “Death Storm.” I am gonna be having to postpone yet another foto shoot tomorrow...maybe several of them by the way they are preparing for this storm. Everyone has an "Emergency Action" booklet that explains, step-by-step, what and how to get ready for such an event...Like Lizzie Warren, they have plan for what seems to be any and all emergencies down to (probably) a hang nail except they have already paid for theirs.

Sorry Seine! This is really looking to be the Mother of all Storms, off the charts in strength or just...hopefully...again, that it is being over hype by news...for ratings.

You know...I haven't seen so much fake domestic news here...people are just more respectful of each other and it is bad form to talk (directly) bad about another person.

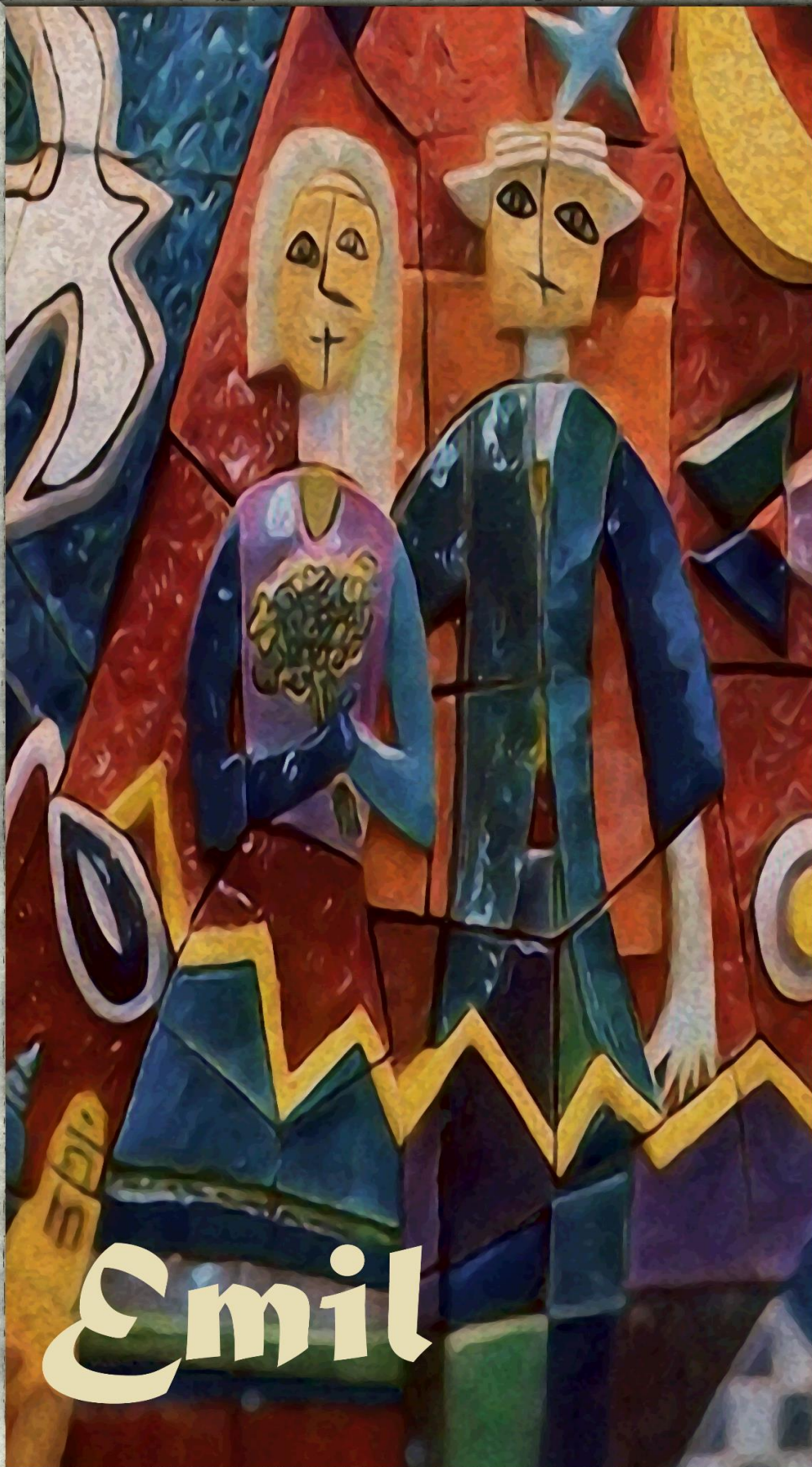
There is a lot of foreign fake news broadcast over here but, I asked and I was told that they just pull it off the news wire and they really have no way of knowing what big lairs that CNN, NBC and CBS are...

So, I don't blame them...but, I do fear that due to their cultural bias, they will absorb all this and start to truly believe that CNN is (Wink...Wink!) "fair and balanced."

No wonder they view us, like the Chinese do, as "Foreign Devils" of the worst sort...



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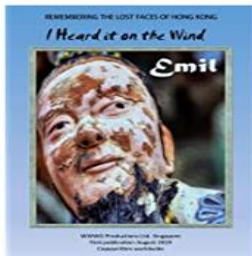
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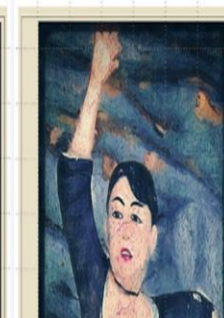
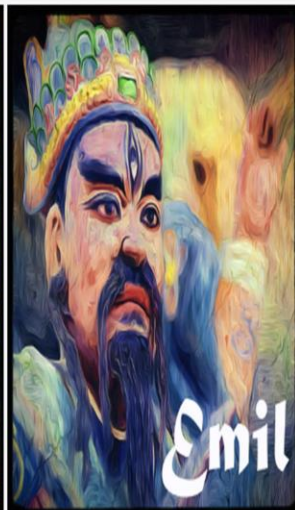
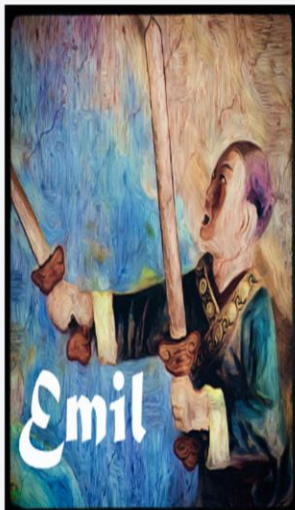
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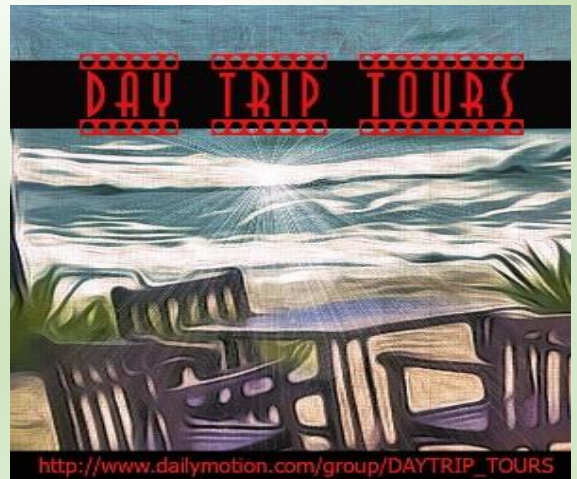
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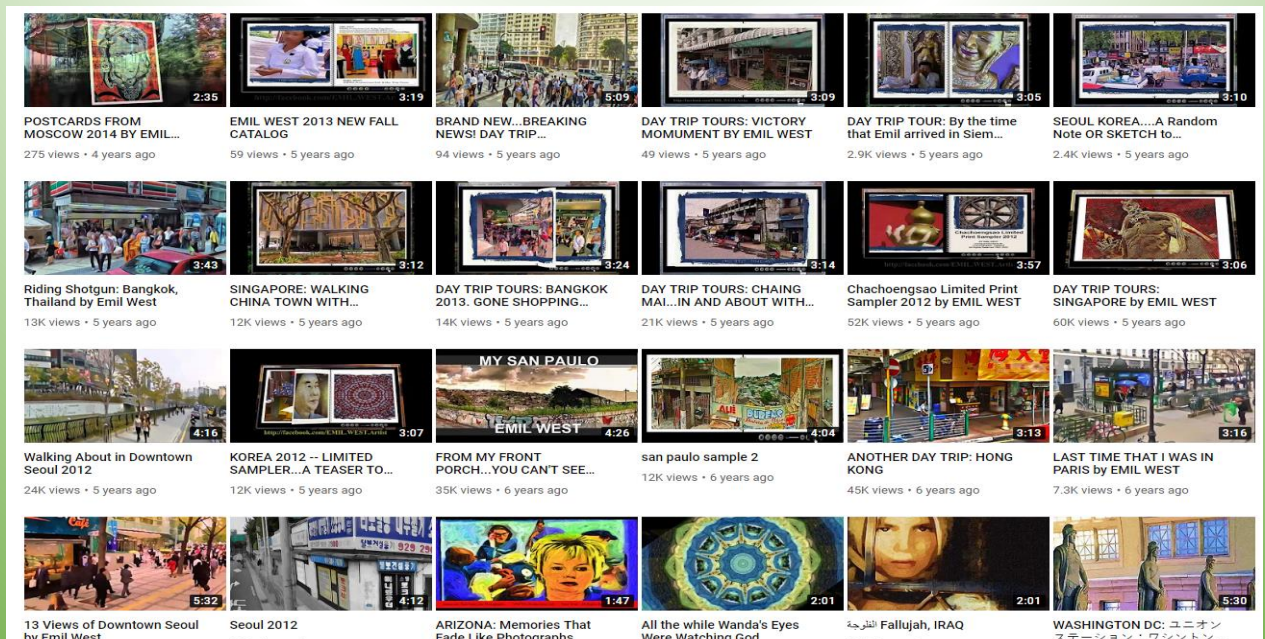
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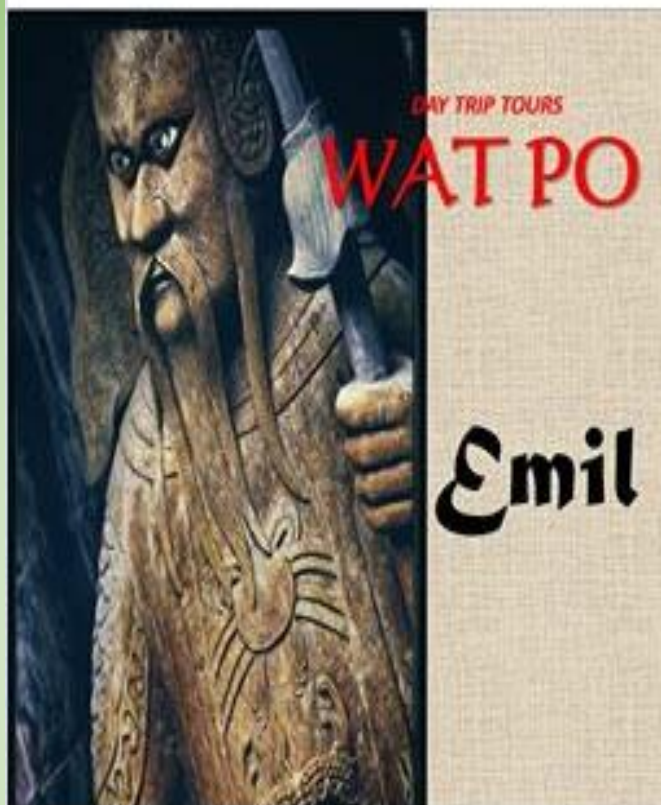


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